

Conservation Commission Minutes  
March 6, 2017  
5:30 PM, Town Office  
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Members present: Brian Byrne, Pam Smillie, Margaret Graciano, Mike Dufilho  
Hank Benesh filmed. Susan Ross-Parent took notes

**Review Minutes** (Feb. 6)

Motion to approve - seconded - approved

A sign burned on a shingle was sent in by George Howard was shown and discussed for use:  
style, logo for Prospect Farm  
Other signs are coming for trails, landmarks

**Public Comment** - no public

**Prospect Farm**

Interp. Signs: continue editing and brainstorm, aim to start proofing process with printer by April for summer installation: Written descriptions finished. Format: like at Welcome to Jackson Falls. George Howard would like signs at Prospect Farm to be unique and that JSTF signs conform to our style guidelines (latest new ones can stay but need to conform to theme as they replace) CC had decided to do "AMC US Forest Service" style

Two categories:

Trail signs made by AMC are ready and conform to style

3 ready for Mystery Loop

Interpretive signs

8x8 - is this problematic on a shingle as sign material? Or can we use the design? A member will follow up with George's idea/vision and email Minuteman Press who has been printing the signs for these projects for cost estimates.

How will this change the cost? Could the design be a watermark?

Historical markers vs. trail areas - would need more interpretation

Edits for interpretive signs: would like to go over those again - A member will email again for final edits.

**Jackson Falls**

Fencing – Tom met with Road Agent to plan for fence location vs. snow bank placement

- Road agent also has some brown revegetation signs we can use - brought one to the meeting. These will replace the stakes and twine.
- Concern with where the fence will be placed in relation with snow plowing and state set back. CC seems to think that the fence could be set in sleeves or take down the rails for the winter instead of not fencing eroding areas.

- In regard to the fencing near Green Bridge: last meeting Tom mentioned that we might not do the split rail fence near there if they are working on the bridge. Is this an area where sleeves would work, or a metal fence? More info needed about the bridge project. Not wanting to delay if bridge work doesn't start soon.  
Carter Notch Road signs – ready to go  
Set rough work session schedule (seedlings, more chips, LOAM, etc.)

A member will place plant order Tuesday and inquired about ordering/payment process. Work session will depend on arrival of seedlings. Need to order loam for seedlings and grass seed.

### **Gray's Inn**

Trail signs (arrows) are ready. Work session? Will send an email around to get vols and members to work in small groups to get Gray's Inn and Hall's Ledge signs up on trees.

### **Renewable generation** (solar, wind, bio-boiler) tax item

Need to look at Master Plan - encourage it

Will it take \$\$ out of tax base. Has to be retroactive.

Town will have to decide to how much.

CC needs to make statement that says it supports the proposal.

Statement: March 16th town meeting:

...read thru of warrant...discussion/questions... “The CC supports article 17, Renewable Energy Incentives RSA” within our scope as conservation commission to reduce carbon footprint, provide economic incentives for those who will install renewable energy systems in their homes”  
A member will finalize statement and email to all members.

A member was approached by an organization to legally create more open skiing areas in forested areas - glade skiing. This is being done illegally and the Forest Service can prosecute/close down areas. They hope to work with Forest Service to legally create these areas. CC members are hearing about these cuttings and are waiting for more information from the group and the Forest Service before forming an opinion. CC cares for trails that have has this kind of impact and are situated for illegal cutting to open glades. It should be on CC radar.

Adjourned 6:25 PM.

As always, the public is encouraged to attend and share their vision for the use of Jackson town properties and other conservation priorities. Our meetings are typically at 5:30 PM at the town office building on the first Monday of each month.