

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**May 1, 2017**  
**5:30 PM, Town Office**  
**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

**CC members PRESENT:** Tom Seidel, Mark Ross-Parent, Margaret Graciano, Pam Smillie, Brian Byrne, Mike Dufilho  
Hank Benesh filmed; Susan Ross-Parent took notes

**Review Minutes** (Apr. 3, 2017)

Correction: Brian Byrne was present.

Motion to approve as amended (pls. check grammar)- seconded - approved as amended

**Thanks** to Dave

**Welcome** to Bill

**Election of Officers:** Tom nominated chair (2 year term)

Brian nominated Vice Chair

Susan will continue to take minutes

All agree

**Prospect Farm**

Interp. Signs -Plan: 4 signs from parking lot to view, and label cellar holes with family names, to finish edits this meeting and send out to Minuteman Press.

(Some edits include:

Instead of references, have a “for more info, see” line.

Field outlook: is it really a “clear cut?” or another type of cut? Clear cut is a specific technical term that has negative connotations. We don’t know if it really is a technical clear cut, so go with “recent logging is visible in the clearings...” or some such.

Cellar hole label correction with correlation to map.)

Cost? Same price with or without watermark.

Please: Fact check the stats on Hall’s Ledge

Tom wrote to forester Johnson to get quote on re-scaling the map.

June meeting: look at proofs. Put up in July.

Three cheers for Margaret for writing and Mike for editing.

Emails will be exchanged amongst CC to organize CC trip to Prospect Farm Area to hang signs.

A CC members presents a citizen complaint regarding dog waste on the Prospect Farm trails: Friendly reminder to all to please clean up after your dog, as stated on signs/kiosk.

**Jackson Falls**

Fencing – Review of bids and proposals for the project:

Company #1 Eastern Green: only official proposal: within our budget showed plan for uneven and downslope ground, area that the fence would need to be removed each winter.

1 other discussion with 2nd landscaper: couldn’t get back to Conservation Commission until end of week, and not sure if their availability will work with our timeline.

3rd company contacted not interested.

4th company would help but it's not their specialty.

Motion to approve Proposal #1: seconded and approved.

Seedlings – plan work session this week - Wednesday best weather-wise: 3:30 PM

A CC member will pick up flagging and grass seed at hardware store and bring the remainder from storage at his house.

Temporary twine until fence is finished. A CC member will bring posts. Everyone bring planting tools, hammers, etc. A CC member will bring extra replacement signs.

Thanks Mark for picking up 100 seedlings.

Loam, grass seed, and wood chips: later. A CC member will ask Pat Kelley, Road Agent, if town could truck the loam. To be dumped near middle picnic table to regrass that area and wheelbarrow up more loam around woodchip path near handicap entrance. Work session date TBD. Watch for email.

Porta Potty - placement: seems best near handicapped parking area even though somewhat more visible: try to get the shelter turned away from houses.

### **Gray's Inn -**

Mystery Loop and Kissing Bridge Trail: need to clean up 3 trees down but otherwise trails in good shape. Request more mowing to get across field. Signs need to be rehung.

**Added:** A CC member would like to discuss building a new trail in that area: near Nestlenook, with glacial erratics and scree/talus field (man-made? mini-esker?) and another fully-soiled esker. Plan on going for a walk at June meeting to take a look.

**Added:** Goose mess at Jackson Field: not safe for kids. There is a plastic owl and a sign stating feeding wildlife is federal offense. As a NH migrating bird, many laws to protect them. CC will look into ways to limit geese.

**Motion to adjourn**, seconded, adjourned. Next meeting: June 5, 2017

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