

Conservation Commission Minutes

March 09, 2017

In Attendance: Sharon Akers, Kurt Berna, Greg Kreider

Absent: Theresa Berna, Kris Henry, Mike Decibullis

January 12 and February 16 Meeting Minutes approved.

Ordinance is from Merrimack Police Department

Town Ordinance

- We met with Chief Deware to discuss the proposed Town Ordinance 2017-01 Conservation Land Use. The version he presented is the ordinance from the Merrimack Police Department and is a starting point for our discussion. We had questions and concerns with the following rules of conduct:
 - 2.0-A, We are concerned about restricting use past sunrise/sunset as there are lawful activities (i.e. watching the sunrise, stargazing) that should be acceptable in environmental recreation areas. Chief Deware stated that this was to help prevent unlawful camping and fires on the property.
 - 2.0-C, No glass containers. Chief Deware is concerned about the broken glass especially at the falls area. Aside from littering, broken glass can be hazardous and can also magnify the sun starting fires.
 - 2.0-G, Animals on leash, We feel that animals should be required to be “under control” and not required to be on a leash. Part of the enjoyment of these areas is to let you pet run free and if necessary leash when others are around. Chief Deware stated that we have leash law in town, instated in 1984. It references the State 466a dog control law.
 - 2.0-H, Use of firearms, this area is not posted for any hunting and the Lyndeborough portion of the property is surrounded by private land in the same conservation area. How could we enforce or post only the Lyndeborough land? He will reword the statement to include licensed hunting.
- Chief Deware requested a list of the town properties in conservation so that he can reference on the Ordinance.
- Chief Deware will rework the document and submit for our review
- Chief Deware departed at 7:20 for another meeting

Earth Day April 22, roadside clean-up

- Sharon created an insert for the Lyndeborough Views to encourage residents to participate

- Sharon contacted Kent and scheduled to have a town truck available to receive the trash on April 22 and 23rd.
- Sharon will get addition blue bags and leave at the town hall near the sign-up sheet.
- Sharon informed the high school that the clean-up can be a community service.

Next meeting April 13, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm