



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2016

- Approved 4/05/16 -

Members Present: Meg Handler, Bob Hyams, Shannon Kelly, Alison Lesure, Bill Marks, Merrily Lovell
Guests: None.

1. Call to order at 7:11 pm
2. Minutes from our last meeting were approved.
3. Bill Marks was volunteered, seconded and approved by the group to be the interim chair while Alison is away during the month of April.
4. Merrily agreed to contact the Planning Commission and make sure they are aware of the Water Matters workshop on March 31.
5. Reminders that Green Up Day is May 7, Trails Day is June 4.
6. We discussed how to move forward from last night's Select Board Meeting, where the agreement with Vermont Gas to go through Geprags Park was voided. We agreed on the resolution below as a first step, and will work on more details at our next meeting.

AS STEWARDS OF GEPRAGS PARK, WE WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE MULTIPLE VALUES OF THE PARK ARE PROTECTED. IN KEEPING WITH OUR MANDATE,

THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WISHES TO WORK WITH THE SELECTBOARD IN CRAFTING ANY AGREEMENT THAT IMPACTS THE MANAGEMENT OF GEPRAGS PARK.

AS THE TOWN CONTINUES NEGOTIATIONS WITH VERMONT GAS, WE WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SELECTBOARD DISCUSSIONS TO ENSURE THAT AN EASEMENT WITH PROPER, APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS AND PROTECTIONS FOR THE PARK IS CREATED. WE RECOMMEND THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE DONE WITH THE ADVISE OF QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED LEGAL COUNSEL AND RELEVANT OUTSIDE EXPERTS.

We talked about various ways to improve our meeting procedures and also our communication to the outside community. Some specific ideas: set up a Facebook page for the Conservation Commission, put out a request on Front Porch Forum for more members so we can attain the full number of 9 members.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

We ended our meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Merrily Lovell