



Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – May 23, 2017

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Present: Meg Handler, Marie Ayer, Bill Baker, Stacy Riley, Kate Kelly, Michael Bissonette, and Bob H. (late arrival)

Call to order 7:10 p.m.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Stacy will report next meeting.
2. **Mapping:** Mike reported Alex will come to a meeting in June to discuss insight into mapping, tools and cost of mapping. For example, wildlife, vernal pools, wetlands. Group discussed biofinder.
3. **Donegan-O'Neil Update:** Mike B reporting. Project meets Conservation Commission criteria for Conservation and Conservation Commission approves of buffer for Laplatte corridor and continuation of land for agricultural uses. Connecting pathways.
4. **Additions:** Contact sheet distributed. Creating a drop box account for the Conservation Commission discussed to share documents, maps, etc.
5. **Sub Committee Formation:**
 - a. Educational - Marie, Kate, Meg, Stacy
 - b. Geprags Park - Bob, Bill B. Bill M
 - c. Others TBD
6. Conservation Commission discussed if Conservation Commission has a role, in Iroquois Lake dams, etc.
7. Conservation Commission discussed the need for not having a vice-chair. Determined to operate via current by-laws. The Chair will designate a person to act as a chair in their absence.

8. **Gepargs Management Plan:** Bob S. reported. Conservation Commission should consider managing Zone 5 for habitat. Zone 4 mostly wetland, transitional shrub, could use some more invasive species abatement. Zone 3a wetland preservation, control invasives, Zone 3B needs border's defined. Zone 2, forest with trails needs some invasive abatement. Zone 1, multi use. Barn in zone 1, Conservation Commission discussed the desire to use this space more.
9. Bill B made a motion to accept Gepargs Management plan as a working draft. Stacy seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2017
11. Adjourn. 9:35 p.m.

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