

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019. 6:00 pm

Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Sean Wadsworth, Mike Stewart. Absent: Paul Brown – Alternate

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Under new business Cathy began with the discussion to approve the minutes for the 2/5/19 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sean and with a second from Mike the minutes for the 2/5/19 meeting were approved 4-0.

Cathy noted that there was no correspondence this month.

Sean discussed the State's draft groundwater protection ordinance (GPO) that the members have been sent. He suggested that the members read the draft proposal. Cort noted that the commission can only recommend ordinances but that the Planning Board was the municipal authority responsible for proposing planning ordinances to the voters. Sean reiterated what he had explained in February that any towns interested in a GPO could use the State's draft ordinance as a foundation document and then pick and choose how detailed they wanted to create for their own town.

Cathy reported on the parking lot plowing discussion that was a topic at the February meeting. Any plowing would be an additional cost for the town. Previous plowing at that location had been done for free by volunteers. A discussion about the increased size of the new lot, now with more visitors and hence more demand for plowing, and whether or not that would be a matter of public safety. Some felt that the town had an obligation to provide off-road parking for safety considerations for Winter 2020.

Cathy followed up on the topic of the Conservation Commission's Conservation Fund saving account discussed at the February meeting. The CC had received a notice from the bank about the lack of account activity. The bank requires some account activity on a regular basis to demonstrate that the account is active, otherwise it would have to be withdrawn. At last month's meeting it was voted that the town withdraw some sufficient amount to satisfy the bank's activity requirement and then re-deposit it after an appropriate waiting period has passed.

The topic of a May trail work day was briefly made. The status of additional trail signs was also discussed. Further trail signs will be needed to be placed in the spring.

It was discussed having the farmers attend the March or April meeting dates if they have any related issues.

The next ACC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 4/2/19 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to address and with no public comments a motion to adjourn was made by Mike and with a second from Sean the vote was 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.