

**TOWN OF EPSOM**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
*Epsom Town Offices*  
**December 15, 2022, 6:00PM**

**PRESENT**

Chad Decker, Vice Chair  
Robyn Blaise, Commissioner  
Kate Champney, Commissioner  
Meadow Wysocki, Selectmen Representative

**ALSO PRESENT**

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary – via telephone

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Decker called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Blaise stated the discussion for Webster Pond should be Deer Meadow Pond and it needs to be moved to the January agenda as the presenters are unable to attend tonight.

**Ms. Blaise motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Champney seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Meeting of October 20, 2022 – No edits were made. **Ms. Champney motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

● ***Town Forest Camping Policy***

Ms. Blaise stated she has worked on the draft policy but hasn't been able to upload to the google drive for distribution. She stated it was the consensus of the committee at the last meeting that a permit is needed. Ms. Champney stated it is good to have a permit so there is confirmation that the users are aware of the policies; if something bad happens, they can ask them to leave. Ms. Wysocki stated the Town Forest Report stated there is evidence of camping in the Town Forest, particularly during the hunting season. Mr. Decker stated the family that donated the land had the right for hunting included with the uses.

***Other***

Ms. Wysocki asked if any Commissioners have had any communication with Chair Alison Parodi-Beiling; she stated a Town policy requires involvement with a committee and if there is no activity within 90 days, they will need to consider replacing her membership. She noted there is an allowance for health conditions. Ms. Wysocki stated that based on the guidelines, the committee is safe with three members but any less, than the Board of Selectmen will need to take over the responsibilities. No action was taken at this time.

The Commissioners reviewed the balance of the Conservation Committee budget. Ms. Champney asked if they had been in touch with the Town Forester. Ms. Wysocki stated if they have an amount due, they can encumber it.

The Commissioners reviewed proposed warrant articles relative to the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Wysocki stated at the beginning of the year, there will be new committee appointments; she will find out which Commissioners are due for reappointment.

**Public Input**

None.

**Next Meeting**

January 19, 2023, 6:00PM.

**Mr. Decker motioned to adjourn. Ms. Champney seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jennifer Riel*

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary