

Approved 5/18/23

**Town of Epsom
Conservation Commission meeting minutes
Epsom Town Offices
April 20, 2023, 6 PM**

Present

Chad Decker, Vice Chair
Robyn Sweeney-Blaise, Chair
Kate Champney
Meadow Wysocki, Selectmen
Samantha Lazo, Kim Gillis, Chuck Scheys, and Frankie Scheys (Public)

Call to order

Chair Sweeney-Blaise called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM

Agenda review

Decision made to move minutes approval to May meeting.

Motion to accept agenda as amended by Kate Champney, Seconded by Chad Decker. Motion passed 4-0.

We had residents attend to discuss the Deer Meadow Pond Milfoil treatment and the update on the one time fund disbursement. Mr. Scheys gave an invoice update and will get some clarification from DES about the process. Based on the information provided the Town would pay the full cost up front and get reimbursed by the State Grant. Ms. Wysocki indicated that the only funds the Town could disburse would be the amount originally awarded. They can pay the contractor doing the work directly but no to exceed the original amount. Research will be done by Meadow about public hearing requirements for the disbursing of funds.

We reviewed the town camping policy. The Commission will need to create a reservation form as well as a spreadsheet to be tracked and Meadow will talk to the board about assigning the form to Megan and maintain a spreadsheet in share drive. Campers will need to sign that they have a copy of the policy.

Chad will contact the Town Forester for a walkthrough to discuss new trails and potential timber cut.

Earth day clean up started today and it's going well. Free gifts are at the library.

Samantha Lazo introduced herself and she is interested in joining the committee. She is an Environmental Scientist by trade.

Motion to recommend having Samantha join the committee was made by Ms. Champney. Mr. Decker seconded. All approved. Meadow will invite Samantha to meet the board.

Ms. Wysocki update Commission on the potential sale of town property on Griffin Road and will need to research if it has a conservation easement.

Public input

None

Next meeting

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Ms. Sweeney-Blaise motioned to adjourn. Ms. Champney seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Champney