

# MINUTES

## Epsom, NH Conservation Committee

DATE: March 21, 2019

Attendees	Guests
Alison Parodi, Chair Sarah Barnum, Member Denyce Gagne, Member Elsie Fife, Member Kate Champney, Member	Cheryl Gilpatrick, Board of Selectman liaison to the Conservation Commission

### Old Business:

- Earth Day is April 22: the annual Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for April 18-27. Bean seeds will be provided as incentive gifts this year. Alison will submit the BCEP form for the Selectboard to sign off on and Kate will advertise the event on Facebook. A flyer can be developed for posting on the Town website as well.
- The Hickey easement is complete and the Bear Paw bill has been received.
- The process for purchasing Barton is ongoing. The ECC has permission from the BOS to spend the money but the final cost is in question due to uncertainty of other parcels included in the acquisition project headed by Bear Paw.
- The OHRV Rules & Law info session is scheduled for April 12 at 6 PM at the Library. Alison will get the advertisement into the final edition of The Sun; Kate will post to Facebook. Denyce will touch base with the CO to see if they need anything for their program. ECC members should plan on arriving by 5:30 to help with setup. Kate and Sarah will provide refreshments.
- Alison provided some “no ATV” signs to post on some easement properties; landowner permission to post should be received first.

### New Business:

- Bear Paw will be hosting and advertising a guided hike at the Town Forest on July 20 or 21 in cooperation with Blasty Bough. Alison will lead the hike.

- AMC contacted the ECC to get permission to GPS trails on the Town Forest for inclusion into the new addition of the AMC Southern NH Trails Guide. Alison will work with them to map the trails—the ECC should request a digital copy of the GPS data to update the Town Forest trail map.
- Luke and Andrew (Sarah and Kate's sons) need volunteer time and will do some trail cleanup this summer
- A flyer from the SEA Americorp Conservation group was received in the mail. Alison would like to consider hiring them when the Barton project is complete for boundary or trail work.
- The Getaway has heavily promoted the Town Forest to their customers for their commercial gain. It was suggested they might be asked to contribute to the construction of a kiosk (cost and/or building) for installation at the Town Forest parking area. A durable map could be purchased for visitors to take a photo of on their phones for navigation purposes. Rules could also be posted. Much needs to happen first: the finalization of Barton, AMC's trail mapping, etc.

**Next meeting: April 18, 2019**