

MINUTES

Town of Washington Conservation Commission

THURSDAY – April 29, 2021

6:30 pm PHONE MEETING

Members Present:

Trish Drugmand

Lisa Peltier

Shaun Lennon

Michelle Lampro

Members Absent:

Eyal Shapira

Others Present:

Meredyth Babcock - Westfield Wild & Scenic

7:50 pm - Michelle called the meeting to order - opened public hearing

Items discussed:

RDA from the Town of Washington and the Wild & Scenic Westfield: Hand pulling invasive plants along Savery Brook in Washington.

Trish had a question about the response from land owners. Meredyth said they had 4 positive - Dick Grillon owns three parcels, Vera Cormier owns one - two property landowners have not responded - Trish informed Meredyth that they have been abandoned. Meredyth explained how they will circle back over the course of the next three years - checking on the areas and reaching out to land owners again.

Meredyth gave a detailed description of the process and how they try to replant natives in area's that will benefit - how they will lay the pulled invasive plants out to dry if they are not in danger of reseeding or they will bag and destroy them if they are. She will be using interns and this project will also serve as a training exercise.

Trish made a motion to accept the RDA with a negative 2 finding, Shaun 2nd and all voted in favor.

Michelle closed the meeting at 7:00 pm

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