



Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes
April 21, 2025 - APPROVED

Call to Order: 6:42 pm

Attendance:

Present: Alysia Catalfamo, Jen Kale, Suz Brown, Tom Hargy, , Annette Villani, Connor O'Driscoll, Ken Minck

Absent: Fred Grimm, Peter Mazurak

Minutes:

March: Tom moved to accept March's minutes, Suz seconded. Motion carried.

Financials as of 4/16/25

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.08): \$165,092.48 (includes \$19,267 SLFRF funds)

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$50,427.01

Line items (account 1-7-05-80-52.00): \$4,710.27

Correspondence: None

SB minutes: None

On-going business:

1. VELCO work on power lines at SLW: Mulching and seeding is done, culvert is pulled.
2. Bidwell property purchase: Updated cost for purchasing the property is about \$3,600, including legal fees, the property tax, and the title search. Alysia will stop by Dan Triggs' office to discuss the title search. Jen moved to use the general fund for this purchase, Connor seconded. Motion carried.
3. JoAnn Harvey's after school program: Plan to ask for description of program, then hold new vote on whether to fund with 2025 monies – Jen will ask.
4. SLW Forest Management: Charlie is scheduled for the 5/12 Select Board meeting to present the forest management plan and story map. Walk in the woods will be rescheduled to after the 5/12 SB meeting.
5. Wetland restoration at town garage: Planting for this year is done.
6. Bank stabilization at RGNA: Planting is done.
7. No parking sign for Silver Lake Road – needs to be installed at the beginning of the Class 4 road. Ken will check the sign that he has – need it to say 'no parking beyond this point.' Will ask Select Board for permission to post.

New Business:

1. Discussed adding a bridge similar to the one placed by VELCO across the stream on the road to SLW (Ken requested an estimate from Kennedy Excavating). Decided against this for now.
2. Discussed the possibility of adding a trail from Bovat Rd to SLW. Decided to shelve this idea for now and focus on current SLW projects.
3. Need to finalize the stream crossing location for the new trail at Silver Lake woods so Greg can get moving on the project. Tome met with VLT on 4/18 to discuss options. Discussed where to locate new trails. Tom moved to build a trail from the Blake Trail to the goose pond. Suz seconded. Motion carried.

Items not on agenda:

1. The maple sugarers fixed the trail on Falls Rd.
2. Green Up Day is 5/3. Suz will call NWSWD to coordinate.

Pending items:

1. Boardwalk at RGNA: One roll of hardware cloth left to install. The sections of boardwalk that will be replaced have been flagged. Need to get 12' 8x8s.
2. Phragmites at SLW: Will want to cut stand near power lines again in summer 2025
3. Trail maintenance: Planning another volunteer day to install more sections of boardwalk at SLW
4. Possibly plan a public hike to see the 1850 railroad tunnel.
5. Buckthorn pulling – set a date for 2025
6. SLW beaver pond: Accepted proposal from Rabbit Tracks to build trail to beaver pond, he understands that the scope of work may change after wetlands officials view the area. VLT is looking into permitting.
7. Painting boundaries at SLW: Plan for this when weather is warmer.
8. Trail through wetland mitigation project at town garage: DRB voted not to rebuild wetland. Trying to get info re: state wetlands permit for original construction of the garage – our understanding was that a mitigation project was required.
9. Mass failures for Rugg Brook and Mill River: State directed Ken to coordinate with the town. Will re-evaluate in Summer 2025 to see if there has been any progression of the failures.
10. Horseshoe Barn Road: Possibly improve as a walking path for hiking. Need to look into property transfers of abutting properties for descriptions of the road.

Adjournment: 8:06



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