

Georgia Conservation Commission - Minutes from meeting 19 May 2025

Attendees: Alysia, Tom, Ken, Peter, Connor, Annette, Suzanna

Alysia called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Minutes from April meeting were read and Tom moved to accept, Ken seconded, all in favor

Financials, as listed in the agenda

Bidwell property- waiting for the estate to be fully settled, as one daughter continues to email Alysia about her right/wish to own the property

Charlie Hancock presented to the Selectboard. SB has given GCC the OK to move forward with his recommendations. They also approved putting in a NO PARKING BEYOND THIS POINT sign near where the kiosk was at SLW. Info on the sign at the end of Town trail #4 should be corrected with white tape/paint- Alysia agreed to do this when the rain lets up.

Discussed trying to get the portion of Silver Lake Rd beyond the parking area to be downgraded to a legal trail. At one time the Selectboard discussed changing several roads at the same time. GCC will discuss with Todd.

Greg Fatigate had suggested getting Timber and Stone to do the trail design for the new trail we want him to build. The sent an estimate. After much discussion, Tom made a motion to accept their estimate, Ken seconded. Annette, Connor, Suz, Alysia, Ken and Tom in favor, Peter against

Alysia, Connor and Tom will meet with Timber and Stone later this week to look at the suggested trail site. T & S will then do an assessment, flag the trail and send GCC a report of suggested structures needed, etc. Peter will then contact VT Wetlands so they can look over the plan and perhaps do a site visit.

Estimate from Greg for 2nd stream crossing at SLW (the one below the homestead). Greg had suggested a 100' long, 6' wide boardwalk to prevent wet areas and stream banks from getting cut up by UTV used by the power company. Estimate was for \$10,000. Discussion was that this was too much for us to pay to fix a problem that we are not creating, is not a common occurrence, and could possibly be avoided. We will table discussion of this. No action taken.

Josh Serpe from FNLC could not attend, as he was ill.

Tom wants to get the last roll of hardware cloth installed on the RGNA boardwalks. He will talk to Jen about working with her to get it installed. More replacement planks in Ken's garage. Discussed having a work day to recruit volunteers to help haul them to the trails. No date planned.

Some boardwalks were installed in SLW- need more. Another project for a volunteer day later in the summer/fall. No date set.

Mowing at SLW. Tom will ask Kristin if she will do it, again. Needs mowing about once a month. Much less to mow this year. Tonya offered GCC 2 gas powered weed whackers, we discussed and we will pass.

Joanne Harvey's after school program- Suzanna learned of a STEM program in Franklin County that helps pay for school and camp STEM programs. We will suggest to Joanne that she seek funding thru this program.