



May 20, 2024 - APPROVED

Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes

Call to Order: 6:34

1. **Attendance:** Present - Tom Hargy, Ken Minck, Alysia Catalfamo, Annette Villani, Suz Brown, Jen Kale, Fred Grimm, Peter Mazurak
Absent – Noah Lavallee

2. **Minutes:** April – Tom moved to approve, Fred seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Financial:** * As of 4/12/24 – waiting for new treasurer to catch up and provide monthly reporting*

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.08): \$127,271

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$47,802

Line items (account 1-7-05-80-52.00): \$4,340

5. **Correspondence:** Letter from Mister Lombard's lawyer – no action needed at this time

6. **Select Board minutes:**

7. **On-going business:**

1. Signs: Legal trails "No Motor Vehicle" signs received – one sign each posted for Falls Trail and Trail 4, one sign left to post at the opposite ends of each trail, to be completed soon.

2. Grants:

a. ACRPC Assessment grant approved for gully on 104A, Task order received, Watershed Consulting Associates to proceed with the work. 1st invoice of 5K submitted to ACRPC for payment. Invoice was forwarded to April. Will ask Cheryl/new treasurer where this is in the payment process.

b. CCRPC Falls trail final design Task Order received, Watershed Consulting Associates to proceed with the work. 1st payment received from CCRPC for the design, \$4,565.02. PHASE 1 archaeological study completed by UVM, they concluded the proposed work will have no effect on historic properties. There were some errors in the final report, waiting for those to be corrected.

4. Boardwalk at RGNA: Installation of hardware cloth is about 2/3 complete. Need to pick up more staples, plan to complete in the coming week. Will not be installing hardware cloth on the long/narrow boardwalk as the boards need to be replaced.

5. SLW: Possible group shelterwood harvest in site #1 and Site #4. Plan to purchase 1 year membership to ESRI for story map when ready to start working on it. There will be a site visit 5/31 at 9 am with forester Charlie Hancock and logger Ben Lepesqueur to assess managing the mixed forest in stand 4.

6. Connector trail RGNA to LT4 and bridge replacement: 2024 RTP Application submitted 2/11/24, received notice on 4/9/24 that our application was not chosen for funding. Expect to receive further feedback later this spring.
7. VLT: Invasive signage and boot brush received – Alysia to install invasives sign this coming Saturday. Will install boot brush after kiosk inspection/possible replacement.
8. Deer Brook footbridge: Ken, Tom, and Noah winched as close to the shore as possible and tied it off. Plan to do further work this week to try to get it back in place for use.
9. Franklin County NCRD event at Arrowhead Mountain Lake: To be held 6/22/24, 10am – 12:30pm – fliers hung around town. Group paddle will be at 12:30.

New Business:

1. VELCO work on power lines at SLW – plan to ask for documentation showing where their ROW is
2. SLW kiosk inspection – letter received from manufacturer indicating kiosk posts may be rotten. Posts at RGNA kiosk were checked and are rotten, Alysia to check SLW kiosk this weekend.
3. New date for buckthorn pulling at SLW – will revisit this fall to schedule a date
4. Sandy Birch development – Suz to notify Commission when final DRB hearing is scheduled
5. Wildflower seeds – There was a lot of interest in this program – to be distributed to folks with appropriate growing sites as supplies allow. Jen moved to make this a yearly program, Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Items not on Agenda:

1. Seed Saving: Discussion around teaching the public how to save seeds from wildflowers/possibly other plants in the fall.
2. Garden tours: Discussion around possible garden tours in Georgia, maybe to fundraise for a particular project.
3. Trailfinder: Tom reignited conversation with Trailfinder to get Georgia trails listed.
4. Bovat Road Maintenance: Discussion regarding contributing to the cost of Bovat Road upkeep. No plan to do so at this time.

Adjournment: 8:06



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