



June 17, 2024 - DRAFT

Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes

Call to Order: 6:51

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

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

4. Financial as of 6/14/24:

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.08): \$127,311

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$47,817

Line items (account 1-7-05-80-52.00): \$25,972

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Select Board minutes:** None

7. On-going business:

1. Signs: Legal trails “No Motor Vehicle” signs received – posted at both ends of Trail 4, one sign posted for Falls Trail with one remaining to post at the opposite end.

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 paid 3/25/24. WCA sent a concept plan and they are working on developing a more formalized plan.

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, will be completed soon. 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 was a site visit on 5/31 at 9 am with forester Charlie Hancock and logger Ben Lepesqueur to assess managing the mixed forest in stand 1 as well as the conifer plantation in stand 4. The assessment is that there is potential for good forest management, a landing for logs could possibly be sited near the old foundation but there would need to be significant improvement of the class 4 road to the gate. Ben will provide an estimate for this.

Possibly have VELCO contribute to improvements with their upcoming power line work.

Will find out what improvements need to be made to the road.

6. VLT: Invasive signage and boot brush received – Alysia installed invasives sign.

Will install boot brush after kiosk inspection/possible replacement.

7. Deer Brook footbridge: Ken, Tom, and Noah made further progress getting the bridge into place for use. Purchased cable to hoist the RR side up on the bank, plan to build platform underneath once lifted into place.

8. 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.

9. SLW kiosk inspection: Alysia inspected, rot is occurring but the wood is not yet rotten. Will check warranty info.

10. Wildflower seed program: Most seeds have been distributed, a couple of applicants didn't get in touch after being notified they were ready. May spread remaining seeds along the edge of Trail 4 in the fall.

New Business:

1. Possibly install a cigarette butler at the Georgia park and ride: Will revisit this idea at the end of the year
2. Need to figure out summer trail maintenance/weed whacking: The guy who did this for us last year is unavailable to do so this year. Tom moved to hire from within the commission at the same rate as last year as there are a couple of options and the work needs to be completed as soon as possible. Alysia seconded; motion did not carry. Tom amended his motion to have Alysia email the Select Board and Cheryl to get permission first, Alysia seconded. Motion carried.

Items not on Agenda:

1. Financial: Unsure why line items balance is so high – possibly ARPA funds were added, but if so they shouldn't be in the line item balance. No deposit of cell tower monies for April/May. Will get clarification from Lori.
2. VELCO site visit 6/19: They will be adding some grounding poles this year and replacing poles in the next year or two. Will find out what type of equipment will be brought in for this work. Plan to document how things look before work is started in case of damage.
3. Phragmites at SLW: Will plan date for cutting down patch during July potluck
4. No meeting in July: Will plan annual potluck via email

Adjournment: 7:52



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