



January 20, 2025 - DRAFT

Georgia Conservation Commission Minutes

Call to Order: 6:36 pm

Attendance:

Present: Alysia Catalfamo, Jen Kale, Suz Brown (arrived at 6:46), Ken Minck, Annette Villani, Fred Grimm, Peter Mazurak

Absent: Tom Hargy

Minutes:

December – Alysia moved to approve the minutes from September as long as the spelling of her name was corrected, Ken seconded. Jen abstained. Motion carried.

Financial as of December (waiting for current numbers from town treasurer, beginning line item balance not included):

CRF (account 9-1-00-00-01.08): \$159,872

General (account A-1-00-00-01.05): \$47,900

Line items (account 1-7-05-80-52.00):

Correspondence: None

Select Board minutes:

SB decided to remit \$2,967.59 to the general fund for 2024 American Tower revenues.

On-going business:

1. Boardwalk at RGNA: One roll of hardware cloth left to install. The sections of boardwalk that will be replaced have been flagged. Located 12 8x8s needed at Longboard Lumber in Williston, ran out of time to use 2024 funds. Will move to pending items.
2. 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. Will move to pending items.
3. VELCO work on power lines at SLW: Will install new grounding wires and replace wooden poles with metal around mid-February, mulching/seeding will take place in Spring 2025. All SLW trails will be closed during pole replacement.
4. Bidwell property purchase: Title search currently on hold as one beneficiary may be interested in purchasing the land.
5. 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.
6. JoAnn Harvey's after school program: Will postpone vote to February when we have a better idea of our financial position.

7. Search for a new member: One person has expressed interest, but nothing concrete so far.
8. GMCC Scholarships: Will start advertising in February, planning to still offer 4 scholarships.
9. Stream restoration work at SLW: Had meeting onsite with VLT to discuss and review options for stream stability. They are working on what permits will be required and we will hear from them once that is figured out.
10. SLW Forest Management: Tom & Alysia provided feedback to Charlie Hancock on the new forest management plan. Met with Charlie and VLT on Jan 2 to go over the changes. Charlie has provided new draft and draft story map based on plan that we need to review.

New Business:

1. Falls Road signs were ripped out. Selectboard directed Todd Cadieux to do this due to “erroneous information” on the signs. Will ask for clarification and whether we can reinstall them.
2. Horseshoe Barn Road – improve as a walking path for hiking? This was designated as a trail by the Select Board on 6/10/70. Will look into property transfers of abutting properties for descriptions of the road.

Items not on Agenda:

1. Painting Boundaries at SLW: Plan for this when weather is warmer.
2. Mass failures for Rugg Brook and Mill River: Mass failures identified during 2008 study. Ken contacted the flood hazard program with the state and is waiting to hear back re: funding.

Adjournment: 7:59 pm



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