

Loudon Conservation Commission
Minutes
February 5, 2024

Attendance: Julie Robinson, Jeff Moore, Polly Touzin, Sandy Sims, Sandy Blanchard, Martha Butterfield
Guest: John Mesick

The meeting started at 6pm with the Chair asking for approval for the January draft minutes. Sandy Blanchard made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections made, and Martha Butterfield seconded it. All were in favor.

Chair Robinson gave an update on the Planning and Zoning Boards for the month of January.

Chair Robinson then discussed monitoring issues with the group. Recently, the Chair had gone through the files and reorganized them. She reminded the group that the office files contain all the pertinent information on each of the properties. These are the files that also contain the monitoring reports and any correspondence. The field files are intended to be used when monitoring the properties. Martha Butterfield produced a check list to help manage the monitoring for 2024. Chair Robinson will send out the check list to all the members and ask them to fill in the properties they would like to monitor. Then those lists should be sent to Sandy Sims, who coordinates the monitoring, and she will compile the entire list. Chair Robinson thanked Ms. Butterfield for producing this check list.

An agreement was sent to Mr. McCullen, the abutter to the Kirby land. Mr. McCullen would like to access his sugaring operation from the snowmobile trail during the maple sugar season. The agreement states the dates and what needs to be done at the end of the season to return the trail to its original condition. Chair Robinson has not received the signed agreement back from Mr. McCullen yet and will follow up with him to receive it.

Charlotte Harding will provide training to the GAIA program to assist those that work on the monitoring effort. The training is set for February 23, 2024, at Charlie's Barn and begins at 9am.

The Trails Subcommittee gave an update on recent activities. John Mesick, a subcommittee member, presented two agreements that could be used when working with private landowners. One of the agreements has a place for the Selectmen's signature. Chair Robinson will investigate the two agreements and speak with the Selectmen to see which one they prefer and then get back to the Trails Subcommittee.

A motion was by Jeff Moore to adjourn the meeting with a second by Sandy Sims, all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm