

Wentworth Conservation Committee (WCC)
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
March 7, 2023

Place: Wentworth Town Office
Time: 10:04 AM
Present: Linda Brownson, Chair
Tuula Pihlajavesi, Vice Chair
Ilse "Izzy" Mercier, Secretary
Birgitte "Deda" Wilms, Member
Guest Linda Franz, Secretary, Wentworth Planning Board

- Chair L. Brownson called the meeting to order at 10:04.
- Minutes of 2/7/2023 approved by D. Wilms, seconded by T. Pihlajavesi.
- Linda Franz reviewed her numerous positions she holds with the town. She was invited today to speak about the work of the Planning Board on developing the Master Plan, the Plummer Trust, the process of submitting warrant articles for the Town Report and the difference in how expenditures are paid from the Conservation and Town Forest Maintenance accounts.
- The work on the Pemi-Baker Land Trust easement has been approved by their lawyer and is now being reviewed for WCC by Gabriel Nizetic, Esq at

the Plymouth Law Center. The deed for the Turner/Buffalo parcel deed continues to be MIA. Further research is needed to obtain the book and page number at the Grafton County Registry which is needed to finalize the easement.

- The Baker River Watershed Association will be holding its annual meeting March 25, 2023 at 10am at Pease Library. WCC members are encouraged to attend to meet the new officers and hear about the process of being trained for the Baker River water testing sites in Wentworth. There are concerns over a private septic system failure occurring on Webster Library property, which pertains to an easement given to a neighboring property, possibly affecting Paige's swim hole with high bacterial counts. This would be a priority action item for WCC if testing indicates there is a problem.
- Town Meeting is March 18, 2023. L. Brownson will have a handout prepared to explain the easement. I. Mercier will review the warrant articles with Steve Welch, Moderator and get the correct wording if an amendment needs to be submitted.
- The Wentworth Master Plan Guidelines for WCC were reviewed and the WCC was pleased that the guidelines support the WCC mission statement and proposed projects. A Natural Resource Inventory will be a 2023 action item for the WCC.
- L. Brownson is working with AMC Alex DeLucia on submitting an application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. This grant would have a 20% match that would could be met financially through donations, as well as volunteer work which has a high level value, and donations of equipment.

- T. Pihlajavesi will be putting her picture and bio on the FB Wentworth Bulletin page in the next week. There was discussion that prior to Town Meeting an entry encouraging attendance at Town Meeting and support of WCC and their warrant articles would be appreciated.
- Observations in Nature discussion was more about the absence of wildlife and birds. Blue jays are MIA which have been abundant in previous years over the winter season and only a few deer have been observed.
- No additional comments or visitors
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes submitted by I. Mercier, Secretary 3/13/2023