

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES – FINAL
AUGUST 30TH, 2023
1PM TOWN OFFICES MEETING ROOM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.
2. Attendees: Irit Levy, chair; Cyndy Piekos, member; Charles Hastings, member; Becca Hastings, member; Paul Ricotta, alternate; Jennie Lucas, member; Mark Decoteau; Dave Noyes; Megan Boobar, Public Works Director; John Recine, member of the public.
3. Megan Boobar, the Town's new Public Works Director. She updated us on the completion of the beaver dam removal near well #4. Irit asked about recycling at the new transfer station, she deferred the question to Mark who said it's TBD and anyone who has any input should speak to the Selectboard.
4. The minutes from July 26th and July 31st were approved unanimously (Charles motioned, Becca seconded).
5. Privilege of the floor – none
6. Old Business
 - a. Update on Snows Brook project – no news. Rick said he is still waiting on the Forest Service. Mark asked about the status of the grant (the \$50,000 in matching funds). Jennie recalled Rick saying that he had a grant in hand already and that this project might be a good fit for a portion of this grant. Irit will double check with Rick to see if this is still the case. Horizons is working on the Corcoran Pond dredging engineering. The dredging is in the CIP for 2024.
 - b. Dave Noyes continues to follow-up with all the sites following heavy rains. Golden Heights has lots of sediment in the adjacent brook. Dave said there was a gutter problem and that Daly will be responsible for cleaning it up.
 - c. It was decided we have enough small signs for the Greenbelt parcel. Steve was not present to update us on the status of the larger sign. Jennie motioned to approve spending up to \$700 on the signs, Cyndy seconded, unanimous approval.
 - d. Beaver dam update was addressed by Megan during her intro.
 - e. The entrance to the new interim transfer station is out to bid. The Town just received its environmental permit for the remainder of the facility and this portion will go out to bid soon. Lower station controlled access begins on Sept. 11.
7. New Business

- a. Dave Noyes reviewed some highlights from the Town's CWPP. The number one item continues to be a year-round second entrance/egress from the Valley via Tripoli Rd. This is unlikely to happen for the knowable future because the Forest Service isn't supportive. We do have access to the gates if we need to open them. Incinerator Road might be the only other option, but it's also on FS land, so ultimately, it's out of our hands. Irit reviewed the education program taking place at the WVES under the guidance of Kim Rawson. They are hoping to secure an agreement with the Athletic Club to work on a patch of woods on its property. Irit said there is a Fire Wise video that is 4 minutes long that could be used to educate the public on what we can do to protect our homes and town. Charles said let's not waste our time talking to the FS, let's focus on what we can do on Town land.
- b. Mark asked if we could put the water line, water treatment facility, and new DES water testing requirements on the agenda for September.

The date of the next regular meeting has been set for Wednesday, September 27th at 1 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm (Jennie motioned, Charles seconded).

"We are located on N'dakinna, which is the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the alnobak (people) who have stewarded N'dakinna throughout the generations."