Groveton Conservation Commission September 21,2023

In attendance: Ed Mellett, Brian Newton, Gordon Gray, Chris Page, and Rebecca Page.

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM.

Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brian, approved by all.

Rebecca Page came to thank us for paying half of the scholarship of the 3 Day Barry Camp she attended. She said she won 2 awards and that her favorite part was the bonfire in the evening. She had a great time and would like to go again for the full 6 Day Week next year.

Ed has not heard from Tim Charbonneau regarding the possible access to the Town Watershed Property on Lost Nation for harvesting wood without having to cross a brook.

Greg Ainsworth completed the line work on the Bag Hill and Watershed Properties. Ed sent the bill to the Town Office.

Gordon made a motion to have Jesse Everleth mow the sides of Bag Hill Road and the property around the area where we will plant the apple trees this fall, seconded by Brian, approved by all.

Greg noticed Bag Hill Bridge needed gravel cleaned off and some maintenance on the bumpers. (4x4 bolted onto the sides of the bridge). Ed had asked the ATV Club to do the work. They cleaned the gravel off but didn't do the bumpers. The ATV President said that it was the Town Road Agent's job.

Brian made a motion to pay \$150.00 for the NHTOA membership renewal, seconded by Gordon, approved by all.

D.O.T wanted the Conservation Commission to reseed the roadside along the Watershed Property on Lost Nation Road. Ed asked the Town Crew and they reseeded it.

The Nature Conservancy finalized the Maidstone Bends Preserve. (1250 acres)

Dale Covey will have an apple pruning report at the next meeting.

Ed will come up with another press release on next year's Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship. If anyone knows of any possible candidates, please let Ed know.

Th 50 apple trees never came for Lawrence Benoit's Memorial. The nursery will replace the 50 trees that we already paid for. If we pick them up, they will not charge us the \$20.00 shipping fee.

Conservation Fund balance was \$24,654.63 as of May 31,2023.

Ed moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian, approved by all. Meeting adjourned @ 7:35 PM. Next meeting, October 19,2023 @ 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Brian Newton.