

Groveton Conservation Commission

December 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

- In Attendance:
 - Ed Mellett (chair), Brian Norman, Gordon Gray, Dale Covey
- Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM.
- The minutes from November 2023 were reviewed and approved. EM motioned to approve, DC 2nd. All approved.
- The CC reviewed the two applicants to attend the Barry Conservation Camp. Myah Morey, age 8, and Rebecca Page, age 9 were the two applicants. Total camp cost for the two applicants would be \$700.00. DC moved that we sponsor both applicants. BN 2nd. All approved. Note: EM abstained due to one of the applicants being a family relation. In addition, the CC received (and passed around) a Thank-you note from Matt Boivin.
- Regarding the abandoned building on Winter Rd: Beattie Contractor completed the task about six weeks ago. Good news for the town.
- Regarding covered bridge repairs: Jim Tierney is chairing the committee to pursue repairs. The CC will monitor progress/developments to determine if there is an opportunity to contribute to the effort.
- Regarding the Town Train: There is a need to repair and improve both the interior and exterior. Courtney estimates costs at about \$15,000. DC motioned the CC donate \$5000.00 from the Conservation fund toward the train repairs. Pending approval from the Town Manager on using Conservation Fund money. GG 2nd. All approved.
- Ed contacted Al Cloutier to see if the snowmobile club can take care of replacing the safety bumpers on the Bag Hill bridge. Al will get back with Ed.
- The Conservation Fund balance = \$18,682.76. Last month's expenses: Brush hogging = \$5590.10; NHTOA dues = \$150.00; ACCC dues = \$250.00.
- The budget for next year is all set per the Town Administrator.
- Crab apple trees to plant next spring: The nursery will give us 50 trees to reimburse us for the trees which were never delivered this past year. Also, the nursery will give us an extra 20 trees to cover the delivery fee from this past year.
- Ed is working on the CC's annual report to submit to the Town's annual report.
- The State Association of Conservation Commissions is holding an annual fund raiser via a drawing, requesting donations from the town CC's. DC motioned we do not make a donation. GG 2nd. All approved.
- The next Groveton CC meeting is scheduled for January 18 at 7 PM at the town office.
- EM moved to adjourn, BN 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dale Covey