

Groveton Conservation Commission

April 20, 2023

- In Attendance:
 - Ed Mellett, Brian Newton, John Normand, Winston Hawes, Gordon Gray, Dale Covey
- Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM
- The minutes from March 2023 were reviewed and approved. WH motioned, JN 2nd. All approved.
- Fund balance: Conservation Fund: \$24,648.65.
- Apple trees: Ed stated that the crab apple trees will be available this week. We need to pay in advance. The trees are bare root stock. Ed can get them delivered to his house for an additional \$20.00 total. JN motioned to pay the extra \$20.00 for delivery. GG 2nd. All approved.
- Greg Ainsworth has advised against any harvest this year due to poor markets. However, it was recommended Greg perform the property line maintenance this year on both the Watershed and Bag Hill lots. DC motioned to approve landline work now but hold off on harvest until next year, BN 2nd?. All approved.
- Apple tree planting date: All agreed to meet Saturday, May 20 at 0800 at the Bag Hill property to plant the 50 trees. Bring a shovel and work gloves!
- Dale attended an apple tree pruning seminar on April 8 at the Lancaster Natural Resource Center sponsored by UNH Extension. The session was excellent and offered insight as to how we can approach cost-share needs specific to our situation with existing trees on the Bag Hill property. Dale will pursue this spring so as to hopefully have all cost-share agreements in place for next pruning season. It is presently too late to prune now that trees are budding. Winston mentioned it might be worth checking out about grafting some trees which might aid in their resilience and/or productivity.
- Ed spoke again with Laura & Tim Charbonneau regarding possible right-of-way or similar access to the town lot for harvesting so as to avoid crossing a brook. Tim said he would get back in touch with us. More to come.
- JN moved to adjourn. GG 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM. Next meeting is May 20 @ 8 AM at the Bag Hill property for a tree planting/Committee meeting combination event.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Covey