



Woodstock Conservation Commission

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Kristen Durocher: Co- Chair, Samantha Bobo-Woodworth: Co-chair, James Chesebrough: Secretary

Members: Roy Whitaker, Tracy Morgan, Jason Cohen, Mark Sellingham,

Gil Rand, Selectboard Rep.

APPROVED MINUTES Woodstock Conservation Commission Meeting No Public Participation

Monday Feb. 26, 2024, 5:00 -6:30 pm

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Called to order at 5:08 PM K. Durocher

Attending: Kristen Durocher (Co-Chair), Samantha Woodworth (Co-chair) , Jim Chesebrough (Secretary), , Roy Whitaker (member), Mark Sellingham (member), Tracy Morgan (member), Gil Rand (Selectboard rep) Late arrival- Jason Cohen (member)

1.Approval of Minutes from Meeting Feb. 5. 2024. **Moved T Morgan- Second S. Bobo Woodworth**

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL-

2.Approval of Minutes from Work Session Feb. 15, 2024. **Moved- S. Bobo-Woodworth - Second- R.**

Whitaker APPROVED w 2 abstentions K Durocher, T. Morgan

3.Work Session on Merriam Woods Management Plan -Activities and Actions:

- a. There has not been sufficient time for a response from climbers with their input for Management Plan. Expect something from climbers Tu or Wed Feb 27-28 **-S. Woodward**
- b. Access Fund "Climbing Management Plan" Assignment was for Commission to read the document. **S. Bobo Woodworth** suggests that the material in Access Fund document should be for addenda/appendix.
- c. There is a document from G. Rand that could be used for hunting items.
- d. Last meeting Bear Baiting was prohibited. Discussion of prohibiting baiting for all species? Motion to amend last week's decision on Bear Baiting to read "no baiting for hunting on the property." **Motion- S. Bobo Woodworth Second K Durocher UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**
- e. Motion The town should recommend limiting recreational use of Merriam Woods during hunting season. "Users of Merriam Woods should wear hunter orange on head back and chest per NH Fish and Game Hunter Safety recommendations adequate to insure visibility. **Motion K. Durocher Second S. Bobo Woodward UNAIMOUS APPROVAL**
- f. Motion to have WCC install a Kiosk with postings of safety notices (i.e. hunter safety and awareness). **Motion S. Bobo Woodworth Second K. Durocher UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

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- g. Continuation of Review of first draft of Management plan. Start at p. 10 item 11 #14 #15 of draft.
- Regarding Items #14 and 15, WCC needs to wait until input from climbers is rec'd.
 - #16 Motion to include Forest Service regulations for parking statement. Now reads "There are currently no parking areas located on or associated with the Merriam Woods property. The WCC has no jurisdiction over parking. Please refer to National Forest regulations as well as the parking ordinances of the towns of Woodstock and Thornton for more information related to parking." **Motion K. Durocher Second T. Morgan**
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
- h. T. Morgan suggests that the input from climbers be submitted in writing, shared w the WCC to allow for preparation of material. K. Durocher hopes that we can be ready for next meeting Monday March 4, 2024.
- i. K. Durocher is now the WCC rep to the Woodstock Planning Board. We have been offered the chance to have a Planning Board rep to WCC. The WCC does not see the need at this time.
- j. R Whitaker asked what will be the process to have people review plan. Draft Document will be available for review and feedback.
- k. Clarification of times for WCC Meetings. The times are 5-6:30.PM.

Next Meeting: Monday March4, 2024 - 5-6:30 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: 6:07 PM Moved JC Chesebrough- Second- S. Bobo Woodward UNANIMOUS APPROVAL