

Lisbon Conservation

Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Railroad Station – 6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Katrine Barclay

Present:	
Katrine Barclay "KB"	Mark Roberts "MR"
Robert Cook "RC"	
Gary Ghioto "GG"	Absent:
Becky Lockwood "BL"	Rosalind Page "RP"

Quorum present: Yes

1. Approved Minutes from Conservation Commission Meeting 11/28/23.
2. Business – old/new
 - A. Discussed plan for CC contribution to the Town's 2023 Annual Report
 - B. Reviewed Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit 2023-02528 Approval for Permittee Robert Spets, Perch Pond Road, Lisbon
3. Community Engagement/Growth Initiative
 - A. Possibility of a town Mural. This is an idea for a spring newsletter article. The idea would be to raise awareness in the town of our natural resources and community connectivity to lands. If other town groups were to participate, the CC would provide Natural Resource component. This is not something the CC would spearhead, perhaps an organization such as Lisbon Main Street. GG will follow-up with them. CC will table until another group shows interest.
 - B. Kayak access on the Ammonoosuc.
 - a. GG reported on town owned lands for "put-in/out" locations upstream of the dam that were looked at late last year by GG and RP.
 - b. One site is the by the Littleton border across from the Rail Trail. This site presents challenges in terms of parking. RP can provide more details next meeting.
 - c. The other site is the on river by Lions Club that has unofficially been used for kayak in/out. Lions Club supports this with CC spearheading funding & project coordination. There is a need to make access easier – some kind of stairs...granite, logs? Options for assistance with funding & site

development are NH Recreational Trails program. CT River Mitigation want to add the Ammonoosuc River to their system and are willing to partner according to communication between Noah Bullock, Stewardship Director, and GG. Northern Forest Canoe Trail may work for helping with stairs – they've done it before.

C. A Dark Sky event in Landaff (May '24) – possible location – Blue School will have to occur between 5/1-5/12 for the darkest skies. GG will follow-up on details.

D. Plan for working with teachers at Lisbon School for events in Spring/Summer '24

a. MR reported on what is a BioBlitz. MR will contact new teacher Rosavan Wie to discuss an event and creating a butterfly and pollinator gardens.

a. Looking at apps like iNaturalist, wants to deepen the experience to more thorough observation so that it doesn't just become a race.

b. KB will follow up on which teachers might be interested in these projects based on feedback from school presentation in June '23.

b. MR plans to explore grants to provide binoculars for use by the school. In process.

c. BL will talk with Lee Veilleux at the Transfer Station on feasibility of a composting project before exploring ideas.

a. KB talked to a Meadowstone Farm employee about their large capacity composter. She will follow-up with Tim Weinrich to discuss if this was grant funded or not and if it is something feasible for the town.

b. BL will research other towns that have composting at their transfer stations after talking to Lee Veilleux.

d. Community garden establishment was discussed in November. RP will add to town property list project and advise next meeting. The location will need access to water. Update is that there is support from the Selectboard pending some possible locations that are being reviewed.

E. ARMLAC update – RC – A couple of the towns in the ARMLAC do not have representation.

They are reviewing an enormous amount of paperwork concerning the new permit application for Landfill in Dalton. We will continue to receive updates on ARMLAC's work and finding. RC complimented ARMLAC Chair, Rick Walling, for his knowledge, patience, and hard work to educate the members and clarify all the documents.

4. Confirm Next Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM.