

Poland Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

For

September 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Members present: Barry Morgan, John Young, Fred Huntress, Don Stover, Alan Audet, Fred Morton and Steve Robinson (selectboard liaison).

Treasurers report: Conservation Operating Fund stands at 5000.00, CIP fund stands at 5122.73 and revenue from Sadie Jackson lot 103687.33

Topic 1: meeting times changing to 7pm starting next month.

Topic 2: We need to contract with someone to mark the boundary lines on Conservation property.

Topic 3: We talked about using a 30% vinegar solution to help control invasive plants, Barry has been testing and there has been some success. This will not necessarily kill the root system but with regular spraying it should stop the spread.

Topic 4: We discussed land donations and how to inform landowners in the town that the conservation commission is willing to look a certain parcel of land that would add value to our conservation efforts.

Topic 5: Barry met with a teacher at PCS to talk about a conservation program in the school, they are already starting a garden and seemed interested in some future training. (Project learning tree)

Topic 6: Alan talked about the need for Cellular Trail Cameras, this would make it easier to capture wildlife and be helpful in monitoring our trail system. We voted 6-0 to spend up to 300.00 on a camera and up to 500.00 for a one-year cellular subscription.

Topic 7: Alan is consolidating all his wildlife data onto an external hard drive so everything now is in one place.

Topic 8: October 14 the Poland High School will send volunteers to help with our trails. Alan will head up this effort.

Topic 9: ATVs on the Old Railroad bed have been doing some damage, Steve will contact the ATV club and will bring this up at the Selectman meeting to discuss posting the Old Railroad Bed with no ATV signage.

Topic 10: Talked about a yearly newsletter, we will explore this more at the next meeting.

Topic 11: Berry informed us that UNE is discontinuing its Hybrid Chestnut tree program after some negative feed back on Hybrid trees possible causing problems in the wild.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

