

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 12, 2022

Members in attendance: Bob Stephens, Brian Silva, Andy Laroche

Selectmen in Attendance: Ken Christiansen

Alternates in Attendance: Doug Cowie

Public in Attendance: Mark Young, Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 6:34 pm.

- Silva made a motion to give Cowie voting rights. Laroche seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Laroche made a motion to accept December's meeting minutes. Silva seconded the motion. Cowie and Christiansen abstained and the motion carried.

- Property Reviews:

Resident Mark Young reiterated a December report to the ConComm that he called Gordon Wilson on behalf of local residents trying to stop the 41A Mill Road development. Mr Wilson is the owner of 41A Mill Road. Mr. Wilson was not very receptive in speaking with Mr. Young because of the letter, but indicated he would speak to Con Comm if contacted, so the Stephens called Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was unwilling to discuss the matter with ConComm either.

Young reported there was a well company drilling test wells on the premises. A private citizen spoke to the well company and they mentioned that they were exploring for suitable water supply.

Stephens to reach out to the developer in Con Comm's continued effort to try to conserve the land from development. Stephens also agreed to draft a Warrant article for vote by resident to approve funds for the conservation. Christiansen requested Stephens notify the Planning Board. Stephens agreed to do so.

The Mill Road citizens started putting out fliers and signs informing people about the Mill Road development. The Board of Selectmen have not met on 41A Mill Road. The citizens of Mill Road will be putting a presentation together for the Selectmen.

Trails Committee:

Debbie Briscoe notified ConComm by email on current projects. There is a bridge at the Brentwood Recreation property that is in disarray. The bridge was replaced years ago but Deb was unsure who did it. Laroche mentioned that the Lamprey River Bowhunters built the bridge. Deb was unsure who would be responsible for the repair of the bridge. ConComm designed the original bridge. Laroche indicated the Bowhunters would likely build a new bridge if Town paid for materials.

Briscoe indicated the normal permit process is called permit by notification for working on a trail bridge. There are certain rules when designing trail bridges. If it's land to land and doesn't

obstruct the normal waterway, you don't need to go to the Heritage bureau. Deb has a meeting with the Rec director next week. ConComm would be happy to review to weigh in on environmental impacts.

Stephens brought up that the southern end of Old Haigh road is getting torn up. Robinson's own the land at the end of the road. They recall deal struck with the Town that this road would be closed to vehicle traffic. Stephens has seen pictures of the road. Briscoe mentioned that the road is Class 6, "subject to gates and bars." To make it more restrictive, it would require a change how the road is classified.

- Town properties and Easement monitoring:

Lise McNaughton has been working with volunteers on the Easement monitoring. She has completed more than half and reports submitted.

- Goals and long-term agenda:

None

- Bills and Reimbursements:

Cowie has not received his payment for his damages that he accrued for mowing of fields at the Stevens portion of Split Rock Property, just off of Old Haigh Rd. He believes Town is withholding the payment until supported by Minutes. Payment was believed approved in a previous meeting, and consensus at this (January 12, 2022) meeting was that he should be paid. Stephens to follow up and clarify with the Town Administrator/Treasurer if needed.

- Other Business:

None

Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laroche seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Brian Silva