



Conservation Commission

Minutes DRAFT Dated 01-28-24 (K Applegate)

Meeting of January 9, 2024

Present: Meg Baldor, Marcy Blauvelt, Malachi Brennan, Marty Johansen, Billy Vigdor

Select Board Liaison: Mike Bard

Absent: Kelsey Applegate, Amy Marshall-Carney,

Public: None

- **Approval of Annual Report**
 - The Commission discussed and unanimously approved the 2023 Annual Report.
- **2024 Annual Budget**
 - The group discussed proposing a \$700 annual budget. This budget would not be sufficient to fund a mapping exercise, but it was pointed out that the Commission has not yet determined if such an expenditure would be necessary. There was a discussion of seeking funding during the year for this effort, if necessary. It was also mentioned that funds may be available from the Conservation Fund.
 - It was reported that the Select Board had already proposed giving the Commission \$700 for 2024. Rather than submitting a formal budget request, Billy will confirm with Tom Leitz that this is the case.
- **Document Storage**
 - Commission documents are being attached to minutes or, in special circumstances, e.g., the Community Values Mapping, a separate website page hosts that material
- **Subcommittees**
 - The WCC Bylaws, data and legal subcommittees did not give reports.
 - Meg and Marcy agreed to review the Worcester Range Management Unit Management Plan and propose comments to the WCC.
- **Other**
 - There was a discussion of adding an effort to address invasive species to the regular work of the Commission. No formal decision was made.
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45