

Mount Holly Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023

Opening

The October regular meeting of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:06 pm on October 3, 2023 by Phil Crane. It was held in the Community Room below the Library.

Present

David Martin (via Zoom link) , Peter Smith, Jeanmarie Fitzgerald, Phil Crane, Sue Presson, Phil Leonard, Jim Corven.

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was discussed briefly and approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report at this meeting.

Organizational items

We still have membership slots to fill, and are in need of a treasurer. Jim mentioned the possible value of something like QuickBooks for treasury reporting. We discussed inventories, with Jim Corven agreeing to coordinate this process and to consult with Fra. We also discussed the availability of a Draft Town Plan, and Dave forwarded a link so that Commission members can look at it in detail.

Star Lake

Jean talked about continuing embankment efforts, both phragmites removal and plans for planting native plants that will both compete with the invasives and help fortify the bank. Phil C. should convey the "no mow" request formally to the Select Board. Sue mentioned that, when people find out that she is on this Commission, the **only** questions she gets are: "What's going on with Star Lake?" and "What can we do about it?"

Ash Tree Protection

The program is in hibernation until late Spring 2024

ChitChat

Sue will prepare content reflecting our Cider Days participation.

Action Items

- Phil C. and members to generate ideas for a new member, and a treasurer.
- Work to start on a Solid Waste proposal.
- Jim to begin efforts to update inventories.

- Sue to work on Chit Chat materials.

Next meeting

The next regular scheduled meeting of the MHCC will be held on Tuesday, November 3, at 7 pm.

Adjournment

As members indicated no further items, Phil Crane declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Phil Leonard, clerk.