

Sprague Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2016

Members Present: On Monday, May 9th Donald Boushee, David Heg, Alison Blanchard and Eric Wold were present. Also attending as guests were Ron Deslandes and Cathy Osten.

Approval of Minutes: April's minutes were approved. The motion was first made by David Heg and then second by Eric Wold. All members present were in favor.

Sprague Preserve Items: The fairy trail is being used by ATV's. Trooper Sumner has ATV experience and will be receiving training so as to be able to patrol the area. In exciting news the EPA plans to be completed with the clean up by June or July. In recognition of the clean-up efforts we are planning on putting together a celebration after the completion.

Robinson property update: It was a great hike and was beneficial to learn boundaries. Susan Konow received the Wortin grant for the Robinson property. The grant was for \$12,000. There are two other grants that are still in the works. There will be a meeting with the FSRV on Wednesday at 7:30PM

Future Fundraising: Don contacted the 169ers in regards to the road race. The response was very enthusiastic about another fun run! It is looking favorable that we will be able to make this an annual event. The date will be settled for the race this year in the next few days and Don will follow up with everyone via email. We will need to continue to have grant writing sessions as well as looking into the purchase of new property. Since Bombero is next on our list we should set up a walk to familiarize ourselves with the property.

New Business: Don suggested making Ron Deslandes an alternate member of the commission. The motion was first made by Ali Blanchard and then second by Eric Wold. All members present were in favor. Ron, The Camel, will be a valuable and welcomed addition to the SCC!

In appreciation for the latest efforts by Eagle Scout Chris Arpin, Don suggested we give him a \$50 savings bond. The motion was first made by Don Boushee and then second by David Heg. All members present were in favor.

Despite the rain our Earth Market table earned \$48! Also a community hike will be scheduled for June 12th at 11AM. People interested should meet at the Watson property. Also we will be posting a "Do's and Don'ts" bear poster on the kiosks in the SLP. Also after the Robinson boundary hike the discussion began about color coding the separate parcels that we have acquired in order to maintain historic continuity.

Eric Wold will be meeting with members of DEEP regarding the pheasant program. They are going to be looking at all parcel and total acreage in efforts to increase the amount of birds that the program can give us. In addition Eric will contact Jen Senate in regards to how many permits on average we give out for pheasant season to make sure that we keep the SLP to be consistent with past years in efforts to maintain safety.

The town crew will be clearing space for and planting Dave's trees soon at the reservoir. In addition the revenue from the cell tower at the reservoir has increased from \$12,000 to \$24,000. This money goes into the Parks, Rec and Open space fund.

These minutes subject to approval at the next monthly meeting.