

Topsham Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes approved 8/7/23

Monday May 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Site visit meeting at North end of Forest Glenn Lane in Mallett Woods, meetings are open to all.

In attendance: Dan Catlin, Shana Stewart Deeds, Julie Erdman (Town Planner), Victor Langelo, Steve Pelletier, Raija Suomela, Mallett Woods resident, Beth, stopped by

1. Approval of April 2023 minutes.

Steve made a motion to approve the April minutes, Victor seconded the motion, the minutes passed as written.

2. Monitor easements along Forest Glenn Ln., weather permitting.

TCC walked the Mallett Woods easements with Dan Catlin, real estate broker and developer. Victor will prepare a site visit report, other TCC members will share images and edits to the site visit report. One of the main things that we discussed was the removal of invasive species. Dan will talk to their lawn mower to see if they can at least mow it to deplete its resources. There is also multiflora rose that should be treated before it becomes an impenetrable thicket – perhaps plant black willow to outcompete? TCC will check the easement to be sure that invasive treatment is allowed, and that we can encourage invasive species removal. We did find some native honeysuckle blooming.

3. Approve memo on NAP.

4. Updates

a. Christine Cole memorial

The white oak tree purchased by Jeanne Bamforth (to be reimbursed via the Topsham fund) will be planted on 5/27 at the Topsham Library.

5. Items for upcoming meetings

a. Head of Tide monitoring

b. Work with BTLT to identify potential Vernal Pools where the SAMP could be used

c. Discuss open space in-lieu fee (history and ideas for future changes)

d. Summer meeting schedule: June 20, no July meeting, August 7, Sept 11, then back to our first Monday of the month at 5:30 schedule

Shana made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Victor. Meeting adjourned around 7pm.