

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building, Council Room

PRESENT:

Tristen Hinkle, Chairman
Corey Hinkle
Barry Sites
Larry Taylor
Matt Keister
Corey Johnson
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

QUORUM:

Conservation Commission meeting called to order at 6:00 PM, quorum was present.

1) MINUTES OF THE October 4, 2022 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to approve the October 4, 2022 Conservation Committee minutes as written.
Seconded by Matt Keister. Motion passed 6-0.

2) NEW BUSINESS:

A) Discussion / Update on Whitten Brook project.

Tristen Hinkle gave everyone a packet to update them on the progress of the Whitten Brook project. She reviewed what has been happening since October 2022 as well as explained how the 604B grant would work. They may even be able to get their match requirement removed from the grant.

She also presented an updated invoice from Ecological Instincts for \$6,500.00. They had originally approved \$4,500.00 and were going to look into having the Highway Department pick up \$2,000.00. She said after speaking with Christine Almand she said it will be easier for the town if they pay the whole invoice instead of dividing it.

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to approve using \$6,500.00 from their reserve account to pay Ecological Instincts for Whitten Brook consulting services. Seconded by Barry Sites. Motion passed 6-0.

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B) Spring Projects

Tristen discussed the tree planting that they did last year. She said it looks like almost all of them survived so far. The community support was great on this project and is looking forward to doing it again this year. Barry Sites said they will need to get more of the watering bags this year because last year's weren't in the best shape when they were done. He also said that they might want to look into getting a pump system for watering like Kate had last year. It made it so much easier instead of carrying the buckets around.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

None

4) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

None

6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:

Motion by Tristen Hinkle to adjourn at 6:49 pm. Seconded by Barry Sites. Motion passed 6-0.
Next meeting scheduled for March 7, 2023

Minutes approved _____, 2023

Chairman
