

DRAFT Meeting Notes for LCC, Nov. 14, 2022

In attendance: Lisa Nading, Katie Manaras, Tina Scharf, Sandra Murphy, Jan Fraga, special guest: Bill Finger

1.) Bill Finger came to explain the work being done surrounding town garage. When the Urz house was demolished wetlands were discovered by the state. Restoration projects were staked out with planting plans for Wetlands and Riparian areas. Lincoln needed to remediate whatever damage was done during the removal of the house. Grass and some trees were initially planted. State designer Melanie Acker is executing the planting of the state designed plans that include more trees and shrubs. The alternative to the plantings would have been a fine. It was supposed to be done last year, but it's not finished yet. Vermont River Conservancy and the town entered into an agreement many years ago and a section became the Ron Rood Memorial. Zapata Courage discovered the wetlands all the way around the town garage. In the future, a sand and salt shed will need to be carefully built to prevent those elements from running into the river.

2.) The other feature of the project is the parking area on the north side of the road that was primarily created for hunter parking. It has also become a dump site. Tony Porter from Starksboro mows the town land above the garage in early fall. Maybe all town land should be mowed by the same person? Due to the skill and sensitive to selective mowing for maintenance of key wildlife forage species, Sky Gaylor? Is a good candidate.

3.) Bill has a desire to have the LCC do signage for each town forest using the logo and the graphic design for all of the forests. Grant funding could be available through Forest works. Fundraising for signage for Willard's Woods was created by independent fundraising by ___? And ___?

4.) Sandra estimates the Willard's Woods signage will be \$800 per panel @ 2(3'X3') signs. Including mounting, the total project will likely cost @ \$3200. There is \$1500 or less available from fundraising.

5.) Town Conservation Fund @ \$3000 - \$4000 is separate to the LCC bank account. Van Talmadge is the treasurer. Lisa Nading will Ask Van about it.

6.) Discussion of LCC recommendations made to the town was submitted to the selectboard though Bill Finger seemed unaware. Tina suggests boundary markers with the town logo could be placed around the town forests.

7.) Bill has the idea that the Hutchin's property across the road from Willard's Woods. Because of it's proximity to the river, it has limited development possibilities. However, it has multiple recreational possibilities and the town should own it. Overflow parking is one option on the grass and some permanent spots could be delineated with gravel. Under the bridge could serve as a walkway under the bridge. There is potential for a maintenance shed, but the rest of the buildings would be raised. A possibility could be to get the river conservancy involved possibly for funding. Sandra Murphy will Ask Steve Libby about River Conservancy. Katie Manaras will ask Christie Sumner contact info for the owners. Is it for sale? Jamie of MALT might have some ideas. If the acquisition could be made without a bond vote, it could be easier

8.) FPF post by Tina Scharf for LCC members conjured 3 interested members, one of them is not a resident. Bill says bylaws are important but shouldn't be a burden. This person could be a special guest to the LCC. Tina will invite the 3 potential members for the December 12 meeting.

9.) Lisa Nading will sort out the draft meeting notes and submit them to Ann. All members present agree to approve all notes. Jan Fraga will be secretary as of December meeting on.

10.) For signage on Willard's Woods, we ran out of time to review the wording. Hunting is allowed. Katie asked if we should do a sign for hunting season. Sandra Murphy will create a sign and post it for Willard's Woods. It will be posted through deer rifle season.

11.) Initial rough draft of graphic design for WW signage was submitted by Lisa Nading. The wording

for the drafts is still in final stages of refinement from Katie Manaras, Lisa Nading, and Sandra Murphy.

12.) Meeting was adjourned 15 minutes late at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Nading