

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom
April 3, 2023

Attending: Martin Overington, Tom Shannon, Donald Dubac, Arthur Cady, and Jo Hills

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Minutes — January minutes corrected. Motion to approve. Made by Thomas Shannon, seconded by Donald Dubac, all approved

Finances

Overington went over our various accounts.

Town Account — \$3,927.14

Friends of the River Account — \$1,607.72 (\$80.45 to Harbor Freight Tools)

Parks holds Hover grant money - \$1500

OLD BUSINESS

Swimming

Arthur Cady met a lifeguard, who swam in North Twin Lake when she was young. who told him that the town put sand at the edge of the lake and so it is an altered shore line and they have swim at your own risk. If this is so now, the Roe Jan has somewhat of an altered shoreline and it may be open to swim at your own risk. Many questions to be answered. People who live on Old Dales Bridge Road have access to what the town survey notes as historic access to a portion of the the beach, The public also is entitled to that access.

Barges

Still nothing new. Project abandoned?

Catamount

The ski resort may be doing an update to their sewage system. Could affect the Roe Jan. The address for a small lodge was 44 Young America Road.

Calendar

Overington made up a calendar of events at which WAC may want to sell bags and recruit new members or be involved with in other ways.

ROW

What are the rules about using the ROW along the river. We need truck access to Ice House Landing to do maintenance. AMTRAK parks trucks on the ROW and in Cheviot Park. Overington will bring this up at Town Meeting and find out if there are possible liabilities if we use it.

Trees, Parks and Fishermen

Fifteen trees are on order. Anthony Cidras will dig holes for the three trees at Cheviot and hopefully at Ice House. About \$3000 came in for trees after Overington's letter and more may come in so we do have money for trees. When do we plant the trees? Do not want conflicts with the fishermen. Mid-May or fall.

How do we keep trucks out of the parks? Cars and trucks drive around the big rocks.

Grants

Columbia Land Conservancy — \$500 grant. Will use it on grass seed and other plantings in Ice House. Shannon will send a blurb and a photo for their press release.

Bank of Greene County Grant — we will find out in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Canoe and Kayak Race

April 29. \$20 suggested donation. Can watch at the Roe Jan Boat Club. Starts in Elizaville.

Metro North and the Empire State Trail - an example

Metro North Railroad abandoned its Beacon Line and the state decided to make it a rail trail. According to the original agreement this was supposed to go back to the original property owners. The abandoned path will be

added to the 750-mile Empire State Trail. The original land for the track was in the form of an easement by the property owners. The property owners argued that this change entitled them to compensation.

Motion to adjourn made by Cady, seconded by Shannon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Next meeting May 1.