Readfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Present: Bruce Hunter, Greg Durgin, Jerry Bley, Jaaron Shaw, Marty Hanish, Linnea Koons, Absent: Andy Walsh

Review of the July 11, 2023 RCC meeting minutes, voted to accept based on a few edits

New Business

Jaaron reported on changes to the town accounting system.

It was decided that we would name the 2^{nd} Lake Overlook Spur at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve for Milt Wright. It will be called the Milt Wright spur and pond overlook. Milt was the steward for the TPNP trails

Old Business

No Hunting Signs

Marty, Greg, Linnea and Bruce will post 20 No Hunting signs at Torsey Pond Nature Preserve on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00pm. This will finish the No Hunting sign posting for 2023.

Vernal Pools Map

Tim will look for letter to Significant Vernal Pool property owners.

Ag Allies Grassland Bird Habitat Signs

Linnea will seek out Shaun Drinkwater at Maranacook to ask him if we can place the Grassland Bird Habitat in the south and southwestern fields near the school. We want to delay mowing where the birds nest in May and June.

Fairgrounds Working Group

The group is deciding between a location at Maranacook High School or the Fairgrounds to locate a basketball court.

Invasive Species Grant

Harold Burnett of Two Trees Forestry submitted the Invasive Plant Management Plan for the town forest on August 23, 2023

Pollinator Garden

The pollinator garden needs to be small because there will be a lot of work required to maintain it. A size of 15×15 feet would be a good place to start. Jerry would like to plant several pollinating species outside the garden in locations to the east of the parking lot. Marianne Perry would be a good person to ask to help.

Submitted by Bruce Hunter