

Readfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020, Town Office

Present: Bruce Hunter, Jerry Bley, Greg Durgin, Tim Sniffen, Brent West, Stephanie Donaldson, Greg Leimbach, Marty Hanish, Andy Walsh  
Excused: Bob Mohlar

RCC Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and unanimously approved by RCC members to accept the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes.

### **New Business**

RTP Grant Reimbursement was received by the Town in the amount of \$7,355.40 and deposited to the Readfield Lands Conservation Account. The net balance of the RLCA with the reimbursement is \$9,552.26.

### **Old Business**

Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Areas Map Update – RCC discussed locations on the map to be removed (Blueberry Island, Readfield Elementary School, etc.) and added (KLT's Rosmarin Property, snowmobile trail on GAUD's Carleton Pond property, etc.). Discussion was also had regarding removing Camp Kirkwold and Camp KV. Brent W. will send edits on the front (map) side to Art Grindle (Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District) and Jerry B. will have town office staff make edits to the property descriptions and possibly re-format this section. Money budgeted for the map update should be sufficient and must be spent by the end of the fiscal year.

Readfield Town Forest Harvest (2020-2021) – The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the tree harvest will be posted in May for work during the following winter. Timber prices may be depressed and may influence bids; may want to postpone RFP? Jerry B. will follow-up with Eric Dyer (Town Manager) regarding the RFP for Belz Road extension repairs. No funds will be available until after July 1<sup>st</sup> for roadwork scheduled for late summer/early fall.

Hunting Blind – no discussion

Pulling Stones Interpretive Panel (Fairgrounds Property) – Readfield Historical Society received the \$500 grant. Jerry B. recommended moving the interpretive panel site about 100 ft. up the trail. Unveiling of the panel will likely be postponed from the June 20 Maine State Bicentennial event to Heritage Days. Bob Harris and Dale Clark will probably have a decision on this matter in May. Dale Clark is concerned that the interpretive plaque may not be ready due to virus shutdown of the facility making the plaque.

Trail Signs – Jerry B. contacted Eric Dyer (TM) regarding RCC's preference for routed cedar signs made by the Maine State Prison; no reply to date. Signs are currently only needed for Torsey Pond Nature Preserve. RCC agreed to use these signs in the future as needed.

Highland Ridge Farm – Jerry B. conveyed ownership information for the farm to Nina Young of Maine Farmland Trust, who attempted to contact the owner. No further information.

Parks Commission Ad hoc Committee – No new information

## **Town Conservation Properties**

Torsey Pond N. P. – Tim S. recommended a workday to repair parking lot damage; probably, Saturday, May 16. Greg L. agreed to help with his tractor. Posts may be used to better define the parking lot entrance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Andy Walsh on May 3, 2020