



41 were removed and will be replaced, a breach in the stone wall will be filled, they have added no  
42 trespassing signs and the boulders will be returned. There is no evidence of ATV activity. Mrs.  
43 Neff Ragsdale recommended having the enforcement piece in place before summer.

44 **OLD BUSINESS**

45 4. Review Minutes – November 12, 2019

46 Mr. Hume recommended changes to the section on Trails

47 ***Mrs. Neff Ragsdale motioned to accept the November 12, 2019 minutes as amended. Ms.***  
48 ***Snyder seconded the motion. Ms. Munson abstained. Approved 6-0-1.***

49 5. Subcommittee reports

50 A. Strategic Land Protection Committee – SLPC

- 51 1. Knapp – negotiations are ongoing.  
52 2. Pipit Estates – no activity, the plan has not been filed.  
53 3. Jackson – an offer has been sent with no response.  
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55 Non-Public Session under 91:A:3(II)(c)(d) Reputation of persons other than a board member  
56 and consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if  
57 discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those  
58 of the general community.

59 ***By Roll Call, Chair Chouinard motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to 91-***  
60 ***A:3(II)(c)(d) consideration of acquisition of real estate and reputation of persons other***  
61 ***than a board member. Mrs. Neff Ragsdale seconded the motion. Voting were: Neff***  
62 ***Ragsdale – aye, Munson – aye, Chouinard – aye, Hume – aye, Myette – aye, Snyder – aye,***  
63 ***Sibley - Aye. Approved 7-0-0, so moved.***

64 The meeting room was closed to the public at 8:00 PM.

65 The meeting room reopened to the public at 8:20 PM.

66 ***Mr. Hume motioned to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely. Mrs. Neff-***  
67 ***Ragsdale seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

68 B. Treasurer's Report – (Mrs. Neff Ragsdale)

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70 Mrs. Neff Ragsdale reported:

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72 The operating budget of \$954.00 for FY19-20 will have a balance of \$13.21 after payment of the  
73 most recent invoice. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale questioned whether funds could be drawn from other  
74 sources and Selectman Myette explained the Town has a bottom-line budget and some  
75 departments overspend and some will underspend. If overspending is anticipated, it is a good  
76 practice of sending the BOS an email requesting more funding. Mrs. Neff-Ragsdale noted the  
77 dues and seminars line was the bulk of overspending as more members are actively  
78 participating; of the \$500 budgeted, \$565 has been spent on dues and seminars to date. Ms.  
79 Munson has not submitted her request for reimbursement.  
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81 Mrs. Neff Ragsdale noted the Commission anticipates sending members to Saving Special  
 82 Places in April and would like to get a headcount of those planning to attend. The Commission  
 83 agreed it would be prudent to request an additional \$200 for that event.

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85	Savings	\$440,046.80
86	Interest	+
87	Other CR	
88	CD	-400,000.00*
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90	Balance	\$ 40,420.00
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92	Forestry	\$ 41,007.41
93	Interest	33.60
94	Total	\$ 41,041.01
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96	Lincoln	
97	Lane	\$ 3,074.90
98	Interest	2.52
99	Total	\$ 3,077.42
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101	Emerson	\$ 10,170.68
102	Interest	8.34
103	Total	\$ 10,179.02
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105	CD	t/b/d*

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 107 ***Ms. Munson motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report, as stated. Mr. Hume seconded***  
 108 ***the motion, with all in favor, so moved.***

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 110 C. Spring Hill Farm Advisory Committee (Ms. Snyder)

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 112 Ms. Snyder noted she was not able to attend their last meeting.

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 114 D. Agricultural Commission (Kathy)

115 Mrs. Neff Ragsdale noted she has emailed Mrs. LeBlanc and not got a response yet. The  
 116 President of the Herb Society which has about 30 members noted the Society may be  
 117 interested in doing some projects. Mrs. Neff Ragsdale will email the contact information and link  
 118 for Pollinator Pathways.

119 E. Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Commission (Kathy, Kristina)

- 120 Beavers – Ms. Snyder reported no activity with the beavers.
- 121 Pavilion – The contract is being circulated for signatures from the BOS.
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- 123 Barn Siding – The barn siding has been completed.
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- 125 Picnic Tables – Mrs. Reishus the Recreation Coordinator attended the meeting and

126 noted RC got \$5,000 in impact fees to purchase approximately 10 picnic  
127 tables, some will be ADA accessible.

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129 Events – Chester Academy will be doing the Sky Watch event on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9  
130 PM. The Road Agent will need to be contacted if plowing is a concern.

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132 Community Center paving – the dirt pile is still there.

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134 Parking permits – Selectman Myette noted this was not discussed at the meeting but the  
135 use of a permit to residents to allow parking at Town Recreation areas  
136 and the Transfer Station is being discussed primarily to track who is  
137 using them but during major events would not be enforced.

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139 F. Easements, Monitoring & Stewardship

140 Chair Chouinard noted the Pipit Estates easement plan has not been recorded.

141 Chair Chouinard noted the Commission's letterhead has been updated and an email and phone  
142 number have been assigned.

143 Chair Chouinard indicated a letter has been sent to the Lincoln Lane homeowners, which he will  
144 copy the other members on by email. As soon as the snow permits it will be monitored.  
145 Members are encouraged to wear their vests and go to the PD to get their badges.

146 Chair Chouinard recommended sending a letter to the Webster Lane property owners and noted  
147 that easement is posted "no trespassing."

148 G. Trails (Mr. Hume)

149 Mr. Hume reported trails are on hold due to the snowfall. Some of the areas he revisited have  
150 grown in with vegetation and had noticeable erosion making some trails impassable. Mr. Hume  
151 recommended adding to the maps that conditions are subject to change due to forces beyond  
152 our control. Most of the Towns he reached out to were pleased with the maps.

153 Selectman Myette added that Raymond really complimented the maps at the Fisher's  
154 presentation.

155 Selectman Myette asked about getting more of the maps up on the website. Right now, there is  
156 only Spring Hill Farm and Wason. Mr. Hume will put up the Gladys Nicoll trail next and remove  
157 the segment which is private property.

## 158 **PLAN REVIEWS**

159 None

## 160 **MISCELLANEOUS**

161 Presentations (Ms. Snyder)

162 Ms. Snyder reported the presentation on Fishers by Meade Cadot former director of the Harris  
163 Conservation Center on December 8<sup>th</sup> had a good turnout of about 30-35 people. There was a  
164 lot of feedback and questions. Mr. Grimm from PACT filmed the presentation and it should be

165 up soon. Ms. Snyder would like the Commission to submit a donation of thanks to the Harris  
166 Center and sign a card at the next meeting.

167 **Chair Chouinard motioned to approve a \$100 donation to the Harris Conservation Center**  
168 **in Meade Cadot's name. Mr. Hume seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion**  
169 **passed unanimously.**

170 Ms. Snyder noted there are no plans for the next presentation. Ms. Munson who is the liaison to  
171 Pollinator Pathways recommended the Town do something with that. The Herb Society is  
172 having them in January. Ms. Snyder indicated someone reached out to them on Facebook  
173 asking to co-host. Selectman Myette recommended asking the participants at the end of the  
174 presentation what they would like to see next.

175 North Pond Kiosk

176 Selectman Myette noted that Chester Academy used to have a science class which involved a  
177 field trip to the pond to talk about the flora and fauna as a classroom activity and recommended  
178 contacting the School and speaking with one of the science teachers.

179 Sandown Tax Bill

180 Chair Chouinard received a tax bill for the first half of the year from Sandown on the Currier  
181 property the Commission purchased recently. Chair Chouinard went to the Sandown  
182 Conservation Commission who were very friendly. Chester Assessor Jean Packard noted the  
183 bill was reduced to \$0.00.

184 **Adjournment**

185 **Mr. Broadwater motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hume seconded the motion, with**  
186 **all in favor, so moved.**

187 The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

188 Respectfully submitted,

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190 Nancy Hoijer,  
191 Recording Secretary