

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Belmont Conservation Commission**  
**August 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

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**TOWN CLERK**  
**BELMONT, MA**

DATE: December 14, 2022  
TIME: 9:03 AM

**Attendees:**

Members: Jeff North (Vice Chairperson); Margaret Velie; Miriam Weil; Dan Nolan

Others: Nancy Kougas; Leonard Katz; Judy Otto; Mark Smith; Roger Wrubel

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:06 pm by Vice Chairman Jeff North.

**Discussion: Rock Meadow**

Mark Smith presented extensive research on the history and status of Rock Meadow ownership. He noted that he had combed through Town Meeting records; Annual Reports; and other available materials to create a data base. He noted that it seems that for several reasons, including state law, it seems clear that Rock Meadow was purchased as “conservation land”, and that the Conservation Commission is the responsible for the care and control of the land. The materials are arranged in files, and he suggested that they be posted on the Conservation Commission web site. Mary Trudeau agreed to pursue this action.

The Commission briefly discussed the management of Rock Meadow. Jeff North used the work of Parterre at Lone Tree Hill as an example of a land management plan for a public property. The Commission appeared to agree that a similar document would be useful for the Rock Meadow property.

The Commission reviewed the potential of the matching grant challenge issued by the Judith K Record fund to create an endowment for Rock Meadow. The challenge would match monies raised by the Conservation Commission to be “matched” by funds from the JKR accounts, for a maximum match amount of \$100,000 dollars. This would create a \$200,000 endowment to be used to maintain and protect Rock Meadow.

Roger Wrubel noted that the JKR fund would likely require a Conservation Restriction over the parcel, if the endowment was to be funded with JKR monies. The Commission noted that such a restriction might require the approval of the Board of Selectmen, The Commission noted that many of the protections offered by a Restriction are currently in place, due to the language of the land purchase.

The Commission noted that having a meeting devoted entirely to discussion was helpful, and that scheduling an additional meeting in September for similar discussions, would be useful.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm