

MEETING MINUTES
Belmont Conservation Commission
June 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting
7:00 pm

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DATE: April 1, 2021
TIME: 8:40 AM

Attendees:

Members: Jeff North (Vice Chair); Miriam Wiel; Christopher Morris; Peg Velie; Dan Nolan; Mark Smith (Associate)

Others: Ara Yogurtian (host)

Call to Order:

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Jeff North, Vice Chair

Discussion: Northeastern Capstone Project

Jeff North reported that the Evergreen Engineering Capstone project (Parking Lot at Rock Meadow) won the New England Water Environmental student competition, and will be competing for the national title. Jeff also reported that he has submitted an article to the Belmont Citizens Forum detailing the environmentally sensitive design, and proposed parking improvements.

Mark noted that we need to keep pursuing the parking lot project, and need to diplomatically approach town officials and agencies to garner support. He noted that financing options need to be explored, and that a combination of CPA funds; Judith K Record grants; Chapter 91 monies and individual donations will need to be considered. Mark also noted that the project may be considered for resiliency grants/monies, as the parking improvements were included in the State resiliency plan (MVP) prepared for Belmont.

Discussion: Lone Tree Hill Report

Jeff North reported that Parterre ecological services has prepared an invasive plant species control plan for Lone Tree Hill. He noted that a drone was used to provide field data, and that the plan identifies (25) unique projects within the Lone Tree Hill property. Jeff highly commended the work done by Parterre, and noted that they could be used to develop similar projects at Rock Meadow.

Discussion: Rock Meadow Mowing and Usage

Mary Trudeau reported that Jose Danilo Nunez has been mowing the paths at Rock Meadow to a social distancing width of eight feet this spring. She noted that mowing costs have increased accordingly, and that comments on the mowing have been positive. Mary noted that the annual

mowing will likely be the first week in September, allowing for the scheduled cross country races to proceed, if they are held.

Dan noted that meadow usage has declined, with early mornings continuing to be less used than in prior months. Signage has improved compliance, all round, and the signs have not been vandalized.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:04 pm