Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Minutes June 14, 2021 6:00 PM

Commission Members in attendance: Dick Gates, John Piper, Colleen Doyle, and Nate Maynard. First in-person meeting at town hall since COVID restrictions were lifted.

Others in attendance:

None

Continuing Business

Review Previous Meeting Notes

R Gates made a motion to accept meeting minutes from April 26th and May 24th. Motion seconded by J Piper and accepted by Commission unanimously.

<u>Pond at Beulah Land Road</u> – local resident had contacted the Commission regarding concerns of a beaver dam but did not attend the meeting for follow up.

<u>Long Pond Conservation Area</u> – R Gates met with Hwy Superintendent R Senecal to continue discussions regarding the parking area on North Blandford Rd. for access to the upcoming Long Pond trails that are being planned. The parking area will accommodate up to six cars. The Commission intends to continue scouting and planning for trail development in the area.

<u>Shepard Farm</u> – R Gates submitted a letter of support on behalf of the Commission to PVPC regarding the conservation land at Shepard Farm and the desire to maintain the parcel for trails and the buildings for a potential environmental/educational center.

<u>Solar Sites</u> – No new updates. The Commission would like clarification regarding the status of the NextEra solar site on Otis Stage Rd. and will be reaching out to David Clynch of Epsilon Associates to request an update at one of the Commission's meetings in July.

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