



**Coventry Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2023
Conference Room B**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Leroy Lowe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Other members present were Art Hall, Brian Coss, Paul Manzone and Jamie Coss. Inland Wetlands Agent Lindsay Beutler was also present.

2. Secretary's Report

- Art moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2023. Paul seconded the motion, all were in favor.

3. Financial Report

- The Commission has \$3,500 in its budget for FY 23-24.

4. Audience of Citizens

None

5. Site Plan/Town Referral

None

6. New Business

- Bolton Lake Watershed Committee- Leroy and Lindsay currently take turns attending meetings, and they would be happy to have an additional volunteer to occasionally attend.
- Old Growth Forest- Leroy is going to reach out to Jim Parda to find out if there are old growth forest areas in Coventry. If so the commission will look to locate them. The goal would be to map out any areas in town for conservation efforts, and attempt to determine the age if possible.
- Vernal Pools- Leroy suggested trying to inventory the vernal pools that exist in Coventry. He mentioned that there is one off of Jones Crossing Rd. Paul believes there may be another one off of Rolling Woods as well. The commission will look to find others as this could be another natural feature worth mapping. Lindsay will look into it as well, and send info to the commission on how to identify vernal pools.
- Osprey Nesting Pole- An Eversource crew reported that there is an Osprey nest at 272 Swamp Rd. Rod Parlee asked the commission to reach out to the property owners to see if they would allow the site to be designated as a preserve. Leroy will drive by and look into it further. Paul

also believes that Vinny has done previous work with Osprey nesting and will likely have some idea what options exist for protecting the nest area.

- Trail at Patriots Park Woods- Leroy is going to drop markers for the new potential exit so Lindsay can look at it and make suggestions if necessary. Lindsay may be able to use a GIS app to mark the new trail end so it can be added to the site plan map for approval.

7. Old Business

- Management Plan for Rose Property/Williams Preserve- Leroy asked that any final updates/comments be sent to him before the next meeting. Lindsay is going to find out who the completed plan has to go to for final approval.

8. Members Forum

9. Communications

10. Adjournment

Leroy moved to adjourn the meeting; Jamie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jamie Coss