

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2023
1PM TOWN MEETING ROOM**

1. Attendees: Irit Levy, chair; Charles Hastings, member; Becca Hastings, member; Paul Ricotta, alternate; Jennie Lucas, member; Patrick Mahr (sp?), alternate, via Zoom; Rick Van de Poll, consultant, via Zoom; Steve Royer, Town Services Manager; Megan Boobar, Director of Public Works.
2. The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm.
3. Old Business
 - a. Update on Snows Brook project – the project is moving forward - \$50,000 in grant money has been secured (reported by Steve) so that can be used in conjunction with the \$50,000 funding from Town Meeting. The Waterville Place condominium liability concern needs to be addressed. The Forest Service hydrogeologist has approved the plan. There will be a site visit with the Forest Service on Jan. 19. They need to review the various components of the plan.
 - b. The large Greenbelt parcel sign has been installed. Steve will be ordering the two additional small signs.
 - c. WWTF – Steve reported the Town is finalizing a contract with the new engineering firm soon. There was an initial meeting between the Forest Service and the Resort/Town regarding the plan for a septic system at the mountain, more meetings to follow. The initial feedback was not entirely positive.
 - d. Megan Boobar discussed salt use on town roads. She prepared an information sheet about historical usage, discussed the Green SnoPro program, and said she is definitely looking at ways to curb salt use, including a pilot program using a gravel mixture. The general feeling is that people do more driving now and have high expectations for clear roads, especially those from out of town.
 - e. Irit reported that Kim Rawson and her forest fire prevention program at the school does not have anything new to report, but wants to make sure we keep her in mind if we have any ideas for “real life tasks” from the Commission.
 - f. Tripoli Rd. gates – they are locked in the winter, but the road is not maintained for winter car use, so the issue of needing them to be unlocked in case of an emergency in the winter is moot.
4. The minutes from August 30 & October 25 were approved unanimously.
5. Privilege of the floor – Irit reported that her condominium’s water test for lead and copper came back clear.
6. The date of the next meeting was set for February 7, 2024 @ 1pm
7. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

“We are located on N’dakinna, which is the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the alnobak (people) who have stewarded N’dakinna throughout the generations.”