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**Town of Henniker
Conservation Meeting
Wednesday May 1, 2018
Grange Hall**

Members Present: Holly Green, Mark Mitch, Ross Bennett, Sachie Howard, Drew Major, Tracy Sudhalter

Recording Secretary: Kelly McCutcheon

Guests: Beverly and Cliff Eisner, Mike Lambert, Matthew Noyer, Skip Morse

1. Presentation of final plan for kiosk project at the Cliff Eisner Jr. Conservation Area – Matthew Noyer

Matthew Noyer is working on his Eagle Scout rank and building a kiosk as his Eagle Scout project. His 3 main visions are building the kiosk to the side where the current sign is and attaching the current sign to the kiosk. All the papers attached to the kiosk will be laminated and stapled to it. The bottom of the kiosk will be 3ft cemented into the ground with the total height being 7ft tall with the roof.

His second vision is a picnic table to the left of the present sign to tie the area together and make more user friendly. Thirdly he would like to do some general cleanup in addition to grading and replacing the logs the currently line the parking area or removing them completely.

Sachie asked what the time frame is, Matthew responded within the next month. Tracy asked who will be maintaining the kiosk. Matthew stated he will be providing initial information and there are a few groups who will be maintaining the kiosk after. Skip asked if there would be information about Cliff on the kiosk. Cliff Sr. responded that Jason was working on it. Ross stated it is a great project but he is concerned about trash around the proposed picnic table area and who would be responsibility for emptying a trash barrel. It is suggested having a sign stating the area is “carry in / carry out” and people are responsible for their own trash. Mitch suggested relocating the present sign to the bottom of the kiosk so it is not obstructed by the kiosk’s roof.

Holly asked if it is posted in the Henniker Trail Guide. Mitch stated it will be posted in the next one, since currently it is listed as American White-Water Conservation Area. Ross asked who owned the easement. The easement is held by 5 Rivers Conservation Trust. Skip, representing the Merrimack Valley Planners as the treasurer stated there is \$2,500 in his budget that Matt can utilize for his project, such as replacing the logs in the parking lot or to build a bridge to put over the stream.

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2. Review & approve draft minutes for April 3, 2019 meeting

Sachie moved to approve with edits. Ross seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Other business

The Army Corp of Engineers is still looking for suggestions.
Please report any birds you spot on the ebird app.

Town Forester, Mike Lambert presented on tax lot 603x-1: Mike is seeking a new alternative terrain permit. He presented a map with the Army Corp flowage easement and wetlands outlined, and there will be no encroachment on Army Corp land easement. The plan calls for a concrete block wall that allows for drainage and erosion control in addition to dikes to get water downslope and stabilize the outlets.

Holly asked what Mike needed from the Conservation Commission. Mike stated he needs a letter for the Planning Board stating Mike presented to the Conservation Commission and that there is no wetland impact in addition to anything else the Commission would like to say. Drew asked if it had been presented to the Army Corp of Engineers and Mike stated it had. The Conservation Commission had no concerns.

Sachie moved to approve Holly typing a letter of approval to the Planning Board in support of the changes to tax lot 603x-1. Mark seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Business: updating the conservation plan and properties as well as an update on monies in the land use change tax conservation fund.

Mark moved to adjourn. Drew seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
Adjourn at 8:30pm.