

Sharon Conservation Commission

9/12/22

Town Offices, 6:30 pm

ATTENDEES

Mike Zwikelmaier, Dick Ruben, Scott Chesnut

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Dick Ruben and Scott Chesnut attended the gathering of supporters at the Ashley Forest.
- Greg Elder is near completion of a sign to attach to the kiosk honoring John Sears.
- Nicola Shipman let the Commission know that they could place a trail map and some information honoring John Sears on the town website.
- Scott communicated with Brian Renfro about creating a map and some graphics for the Kiosk. Brian provided a template and said they can have it printed on metal. There is a bit of a lead time, so we will likely want to do something temporary in time for dedication this fall. Scott will continue to work on this.

New Business

- The bench which Ria Blas made to honor John is complete. She met with Tim Morton at the proposed site and then planned to create a base of pressure-treated wood to anchor it to. After looking at the site again with Dan Deneen, they determined there needs to be some material placed to create a level site. She will make a sketch depicting what she proposes to do and then talk more with Tim Morton.
- We hope to work with the neighborhood group and plan a dedication for early October. Jill Wilcox volunteered to reach out to Janet Sears to discuss possible timing and who she would like to attend.
- Sam Brakeley reported via email that the plan for the new x-country ski trail in the annex block of Downer Forest has been approved by the State! The hope is to have it cleared in time for skiing this winter. The Catamount Trail Association will sponsor and help organize volunteers.
- The Commission also wants to get the existing trails brush-hogged and cleared this fall. Steve Gagliadorne has offered to help with his tractor.

- Dan cleared a downed tree from the Ridge Trail with the help of Ria and Scott.