Southwest Harbor Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 3, 2022

In attendance: Jim Geary, Jane Ayres, Eleanor Park, Ellen Scull, Francine Mayhew, Ann Ratcliff, Valerie Bodner, Ann Judd, Elena Scotti. Excused Kathleen Slack, Kristin Hutichins, Absent: J. Dutra, T. Powers, S, Allen. Guest: Aimee Williams

Minutes Eleanor moved and Jane seconded to accept minutes

Treasurer's Report Jim and Jane went over numbers and money can be set aside for fencing repairs at the Rhoades Park through the Beautification Fund, and there is Tree Fund money for removal of dying Hawthorne trees and replanting of Flowering Crab trees at the Vetarans Park. We are in good shape for the anticipated summer expenses for the Rhoades Park fundraiser and the Tree Fund appeal.

Tree Business and Veterans Park The removal of trees and subsequent replanting of Flowering Crabs is expected to take place before Memorial Day.

Rhoades Park Spring clean-up is going on at the Charlotte Rhoades. The Pruning Class of April 21st was very successful, with about 10 people in attendance. The Coast Guard came to the park for an Earth Day Clean Up on April 29th. Ann J. wrote a letter of thanks to Coast Guard Commander Jarrod Kushla and also sent a photo of the Guardsmen to the MDIslander which landed on the front page of the paper. The rebuilding of the website was completed with the exception of the plant database which will be ongoing for another year. The annual Butterfly Release will be held on July 28th, Friday, with a 130pm session and a 330pm session like last year. Volunteers will be needed.

Chris' Pond Jim informed everyone that there would be a clean up the first week in May around the Letcher house before it is scheduled to be removed. Volunteers will be needed for the clean up.

Public Rights of Way will be discussed at a future meeting.

Conservation Commission Ordinance is still on the front burner and we could start with project and job descriptions.

Next Meeting: June 7th at 4pm