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**MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL LCIP SITE WALK – WASSERMAN CONSERVATION AREA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER -

A Meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Saturday October 29, 2022 at 10:03am at the Wasserman Property.

Steve Perkins, Chair, presided:

Members of the Commission Present:

Michael Boisvert, Vice-Chair
Eric Starr
Ellen Kolb
Gage Perry
Gina Rosati, Alternate Member

Members of the Commission Absent:

Michael Drouin, Alternate Member
Cynthia Glenn
Andy Hunter
David Trippett, Alternate Member

Member of the public present:

Tina Boisvert, 16 Beebe Lane

Julia Perry, 15 Lesa Drive

The site walk began at 10:03 a.m. An annual site walk at the Wasserman property is required under the terms of the Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) grant that helped to fund acquisition of the property. The purpose of the walk is to determine condition of the property, note any encroachments and alterations, and note any signs of activity that may pose problems for the property.

There was no formal agenda for the site walk, and no votes were taken.

Eric Starr recorded the route of the walk via GPS, and he will submit the required monitoring form to LCIP.

Participants noted the following:

- There is extensive growth of invasive burning bush near property's border with Horseshoe Fish and Game Club property; smaller areas of growth were noted in various places.
- Very little trash was seen (and picked up) along the way. Most of the items picked up were near the shore of Naticook Lake.
- Without authorization, at least one trail user has used blue paint to blaze trees along Quarry trail beginning at the Wasserman Park parking lot.
- As has been the case for a long time, a stone wall between the property and a private house lot has been breached/broken in a small area. The house's residents are probably using that as an access point to the trails. There has been no expansion of the breached area in the past year.
- While there was some evidence of bike traffic, no associated trail damage was noted.
- Some deadfall across trails has been cut and moved out of the way by trail users.
- Beaver activity near Naticook Lake has not changed since last year.
- The Wasserman conservation property overall is in good condition.

ADJOURNMENT -

The October 29, 2022 Annual LCIP site walk of the Conservation Commission ended at 11:38am.