

- Call to Order at 5:00pm
- In Attendance: Jeremy Litchfield (chair), Michael Halmø, Bobin Park, Dennis Wilson (town arborist), Blaine Moore (secretary), Timothy Carr, Jym St. Pierre
- Elections Update: At our last meeting, we elected Jeremy as chair, Mark as vice-chair, and Blaine as secretary
- Winter Commons Work: We have had to reschedule the work day due to weather, and it will be this Thursday at 3pm. Meet in the parking area, and dress accordingly, as there is about 2 feet of snow. Bring loppers, hand snips, or a hand saw.
- 2024-2025 Budget:
 - Remaining Uses for the Budget:
 - Island Redesign (\$1600-\$1800)
 - Chestnut Trees (\$400)
 - Posts for future sign updates
 - Materials for additional benches
 - Mixed hardwood mulch chips for Johnny's Trail where it floods
 - Generic trail number signs
 - Island Redesign discussion:
 - Original budget of \$1200-\$1400 was for Fall plant discounts; current estimate of \$1600-\$1800 is for the same plan with Spring prices, with about \$550 for a new two-way sign and the rest for the plants.
 - The two-way sign could offer an opportunity to eventually add a "crossing ahead" sign if/when there is a pedestrian crossing installed on Harpswell Road to access the Landing. It could also add additional visibility to traffic.
 - Jym recommended that we may not want to spend money on an island redesign with likely budget restrictions over the next year or **two. We could allocate a lower amount such as \$1.1k and Dennis** could get us a quote and plan to fit in that budget, with or without a new two way sign, with the rest going towards stockpiling materials for the potential new trail signage.
 - **Motions:**
 - Tim motioned that we allocate \$400 to purchase more chestnut saplings this Spring. Jym seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - Bobin motioned that we allocate \$1400 for the island redesign, reserving \$700 for the remaining budget towards purchasing posts for the future sign project or any last minute needs that arrive before it is allocated before the end of the budget season. Tim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2025-2026 Potential Budget Needs:
 - New Trail Signage (large cost) - unlikely to happen until 2026-2027 budget cycle
 - Trail Map Redesign (minimal cost)

- Updated Natural Resource Inventory/Management Plan (large cost) - the existing management plan is still relevant but does not address invasive species or climate change.
 - Accessibility Assessment (low cost)
 - General Maintenance
 - Chestnut Saplings
 - Goat Trail Adoption (unknown costs based on DEP report):
 - State report is waiting on the Spring for assessment of vernal pools. Possible costs (or lack thereof) could include state permits, further environmental studies, rerouting trails, bog bridging and how much might be required.
 - (tongue in cheek) A taxidermied Bear to hold the Town Commons sign.
- Additional Items:
 - Bobin is interested in social media options for the Town Commons committee.
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:45pm