1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2024 be approved and ordered filed in Town Hall.

2. **LEYE PARK PRESERVE, ENCROACHMENT – 40 Thunder Hill**

The CEO, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Keller visited 40 Thunder Hill after the survey was completed on the home owner’s property. The homeowners have removed the Bocce court and will remove the basketball pole, concrete base and backboard. It was determined that to remove the wall from open space would cause more erosion. The home owner has been given a planting plan as well as instructed to place six 2-man boulders on their property to demarcate their property line. UPON motion duly made (Sharp), seconded (Keller), and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve and send the letter that specifies the remedies to the violation.

3. **MCKEON STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

Mr. Keller, Ms. Linville, and Mr. Markert will meet at the site to determine which plants should remain and put a cost estimate for the replanting (to take place in the Fall) Wednesday at 9am.

4. **INVASIVES COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Ms. Hogan reported there was no meeting and no new updates to report.

5. **AMERICAN CHESTNUT TREE PROGRAM**

Mr. Kace, Mr. Markert, and Mr. Nichols will review and make changes to the draft lease, the management plan, and the memorandum of understanding. The timing for planting most likely will occur more towards the Fall.

6. **FORESTRY STUDIES**

Mr. Markert had nothing new to report. Mr. Keller suggested we could get going on the vines at Spectacle Swamp, however, Mr. Sharp mentioned the summer workers will be focused on the existing trails, which means Florida Refuge would be more of a priority. Mr. Sharp mentioned the summer workers will be making sure all trails are blazed as well.

7. **FOREST MANAGEMENT QUOTE**

Mr. Markert had a quote of around $16k for 800 acres which is made up of Pine Mountain and Hemlock Hills. Again, the RCC is not sure how much the town is willing to spend to maintain these areas. Mr. Nichols will consult with Parks and Rec regarding their report to understand a price range.

8. **WALK BOOK UPDATE**

Mr. Coyle and Mr. Keller reported that there are a lot of minor edits to manage now. A draft of the walk book in hard copy and pdf has been provided to the RCC for review by the end of this week.
9. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nichols has done research on the approved budget item for RCC which would include a new truck and two brush hogs.

Mr. Sharp mentioned that Mr. Nichols is now chainsaw certified and the RCC is down to only one gas-powered chain saw. Mr. Welby has an extra gas-powered chainsaw he will donate to the RCC.

10. MEETINGS FOR ATTENDANCE

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11. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Mr. Coyle reported that the Town will have RHS volunteers if we need.

Mr. Markert and Mr. Liptack will have their new emails working hopefully by Friday so we can all transition to the new email addresses.

ADJOURNMENT UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Kace), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 8:14 P.M.