1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Nichols), (Hogan, Liptack abstained) and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2024 be approved and ordered filed in Town Hall. Vote: 9:0.

2. EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION – Andrew Isaac
Andrew Isaac, an Eagle Scout with Troop 431 presented his final presentation on the Ridgebury Slope/Peterson Gorge project. Mr. Isaac showed images of how the work was completed and images of the final bridges. The commission expressed gratitude for the work along with great improvements to the trails. RCC signed off on the final document.

3. McKEEON STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT
Mr. Welby let the RCC know the project is completely approved. Before the work is started 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) in the next couple of weeks. The Thrift Shop grant will cover the cost of clearing and possibly may extend to some of the planting.

4. INVASIVES COMMITTEE UPDATE
Ms. Barbieri, Ms. Hogan, and Mr. Nichols have been conducting meetings to form an invasive management plan for the Town. Mr. Coyle will inquire if there are any issues in having non commission members on the invasive subcommittee. The subcommittee ideally would have committee members of each land group within the TOR.

5. SUMMER TREKKING PROGRAM
The summer trekking program is set to launch Wednesday. There will be a display in Parks and Rec from May 1st to June 15th. The backpacks will be put together for kids to check out.
UPON motion duly made (Sharp), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED to spend up to $800 for educational purposes. Vote: 9:0.

6. FORESTRY STUDIES
Mr. Markert and Dave Beers met at Spectacle Swamp. Dave Beers has submitted his report on the property including a possible loop to be created on the southern section next to the Wilton Land Trust property. Ms. Hogan mentioned Woodcock Nature Center would be interested in this possibility as well. Ms. Hogan and Mr. Markert will set up a time to meet with the executive director of Wilton Land Trust in the coming weeks.

7. FOREST MANAGEMENT QUOTE
Mr. Markert checked the DEEP grant website and the procurement is not open yet. Mr. Markert will present a quote going with the lower end scope of work and requirements to the RCC by the next meeting on the Forest Management grant for Pine Mountain and Hemlock Hills. This will give the RCC an idea as to what this type of maintenance will look like and cost.
8. WALK BOOK UPDATE
Mr. Coyle and Mr. Keller reported that just about all text and all maps are complete. Mr. Nichols will check in with the Parks and Rec to see if they have any comments before the deadline to print the final draft. The RCC will be provided a draft of the walk book in hard copy and pdf for review over the next couple of weeks.

9. NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Coyle mentioned that the property survey has been completed by the home owner at 40 Thunder Hill Road and shows that a rock wall and a portion of the home owners’ driveway is on open space. Mr. Keller, Mr. Sharp, and the CEO will schedule a site walk visit this week.

Mr. Nichols reported that there are two large steel pipes at the Ledges open space near the cell tower that a neighbor has offered to help remove and get to a spot where the Highway Department can pick up and remove. He also completed the Wittman Preserve sign and will place it next to the new fencing that has been installed around the parking area.

Mr. Welby has installed 3 bluebird houses on Wittman Preserve. Also, he let the RCC know about a FaceBook post regarding deer hunt signs still up in areas where they should not be. Mr. Coyle will reach out to the Deer Hunt Committee and inquire if all signs have been removed each year as per our agreement.

Ms. Linville changed the location of the upcoming Woodcock Nature Center walk to Wittman Preserve.

Mr. Coyle will be in touch with the Town IT department regarding the town wide switch to new email addresses. There is still a possible issue for the alternate commissioners’ email addresses the RCC is trying to work through with IT.

10. MEETINGS FOR ATTENDANCE

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11. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

No remarks.

ADJOURNMENT UPON motion duly made (Nichols), seconded (Barbieri), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 8:32P.M. Vote: 9:0.