

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

July 12, 2021

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Susan Baker, Carol Boothby, Madge Baker and David Mann.
Special meeting of the Shapleigh Conservation Commission called to order at ~7:10 pm by Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report for June 21, 2021, was approved as written.

Old Business: The committee reviewed four PowerPoint files from senior students at Massabesic High School. Each presentation reviewed climate change and concluded with a proposal on climate change mitigation in Shapleigh. However, submissions did not follow the basic request for proposals which stated that each "presentation must be multi-media, including slides, video or music and narration by the student".

The committee reviewed what went wrong with the first attempt at promoting the climate change essay contest and how the project would be introduced in the fall of 2021.

- The contest was announced late in what was a unique school year (2020-2021).
- Science teachers at Massabesic High School were unaware of the contest.
- Students did not know what the Conservation Commission was looking for in the final submissions.

Going forward, Susan Baker will contact Kerra Harmon (Massabesic Science instructor) and ask how we might approach the contest differently in the fall as well as asking what she thought of the four submissions we did receive.

Susan is willing to do a presentation for students about the essay contest and David offered to meet with individual students who might have questions about the science behind climate change.

In the fall, the committee will not only contact Massabesic High School but will also make home schoolers and private schools aware of the contest.

New Business: The next meeting will be September 13, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at ~7:40 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann