

Conservation Commission - Spring 2022 Update Status Report

2018 Article #57 Hinckley's Pond Remediation & Public Access Project, \$650,000 Public Access of the \$75,000 of the \$650,000

Finally have been able to secure an engineering firm to do the site plan. Contract has been signed with J.M. O'Reilly & Associates for approximately \$8,000 after soliciting quotes. Survey will be completed this Spring, provided to the State for comment as it is partially on state property (adjacent to bike trail), and will go in front of the Selectmen and Conservation. Anticipated construction fall 2022. New quotes for tree work have been solicited. Site visit with potential contractors on March 31. Tree work anticipated to be done in spring/summer 2022. Cost of labor and materials has gone way up since this project was funded. We hope that costs will remain under \$75K, but if necessary as there is extra money available since the alum treatment didn't cost as much as expected, we'd like to be able to use a bit of that excess if necessary. I will update the Committee on costs going forward. Other than engineering, there will be costs for the tree removal, removal of pavement, installation of a bike pavilion, construction of staircase down bank, and benches/picnic tables.

2019 Article #45 Red River Beach Shoreline Stabilization Project, \$100,000

This project needs to be revisited. My request is that CPC allows us to retain \$20K of the \$100K for engineering, design, and permitting, and may take back the rest of the funds. If the project gets permitted at the state level, the Town can reapply to CPC for construction costs.

2020 Article #31 (4) Restoration & Rehabilitation of Town-Owned Conservation Lands, \$20,000

Thus far, improved signage has been purchased and installed at most of our Conservation Lands - \$489
Post and rail fencing has been purchased and started to be installed where needed (Bells Neck) - \$4147
Native wildflower seed mix purchased and to be planted Spring 2022 at the Bells Neck adjacent to Herring Run where there is no vegetation - \$274.

Additional native plantings to be added to eroded areas in the Bells Neck and other conservation areas in Spring of 2022 – cost estimates being assessed currently

Trail Cameras to be purchased and installed Spring/Summer 2022

End of project anticipated to be Spring 2023

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