

Chairperson Sam Demeritt called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Cheryl Smith, Terry Bonser, Susan Mooney, Paul Miliotis, Alternate, who was seated for Raelene Shippee-Rice, Liz Kotowski, Alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb and Krystal Costa, Alternate, who would not be voting but would participate in all discussions.

Introductions were made and Demeritt announced that the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Annual meeting would take place on Saturday, January 30 at the Hooksett Public Library. Jane Kelly, a raptor rehabilitator, is to be the featured presenter. After a provided lunch there will be two walks held in the afternoon, one fairly easy, the other of moderate ability. Additionally, 2016 marks the 20th anniversary since Bear-Paw was established as one of this region's land trust organizations. Since 1996, over 8000 acres have been conserved and protected with assistance from Bear-Paw.

Conservation Easements (CE):

- The Sweetser CE (30 +/- acres of farmland along Ledge Farm Road) is close to being finalized. NRCS and SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) of NH will be the primary easement holders and Nottingham will hold the Executory interest on the easement. As always, the property will continue to be owned by private landowners and maintained as a working farm. The farm acreage will be protected by an Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) grant from NRCS in addition to monies provided by other fiduciary partners, including the town of Nottingham. There was discussion, back and forth, concerning the farm pond within the CE area. Over the years, it has developed into a productive habitat for wildlife supporting a rookery for at least five little green herons. If the property changes owners in the future, some Commission members were concerned about possible nutrient load and access to the pond by farm animals that would negatively impact the wildlife values of the pond. In an email to Commission members, David Viale of SELT had addressed this issue by responding that "to limit pond access would limit flexibility to new owners" on its potential uses to support agriculture. An additional concern was that the CE draft deed members had reviewed prior to and at this meeting had several areas not filled in with specific prose. Demeritt will (1) communicate our points re: the integrity of the pond and suggest to Viale that NRCS educate and provide new owners with best management guidelines to address and conserve the conservation values of the pond it presently has and (2) ask for a more recent copy of the CE deed in which these blank areas are filled in with specifics.
- Fernald CE: This property of 90 +/- acres is located along Deerfield Road. It abuts Pawtuckaway State Park to the west and borders Pawtuckaway

Lake to the south. The latest information re: the scheduling of the closing date is that it will be held January 22 at the Forest Society Headquarters in Concord at 11:30 AM. Three Commission members plan on attending the event. Kimball brought up the topic of trail construction on the property for public use. The CE deed allows for public use, the construction of a trail network and parking along Deerfield Road. The owners will retain the right to close trails during timber cuts and to post against hunting if they wish.

- Harvey CE: No more information has been received from SELT on this project.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of December 14, 2015, were reviewed and amended. They were accepted as amended by a motion made by Kimball, seconded by Smith, and passed by a vote of five (5) yeas and two (2) abstentions.

Correspondence:

- There were seven (7) notices of “Intent to Cut”. Mooney read the “Intents” that had been recently filed at the Board of Selectmen’s Office. They are as follows:
 - (1) 11-1-15, Map 72, Lot 10, Stage Road. Of 5.857 acres, to cut 5. Submitted by J. and S. Vilchok;
 - (2) 11-15-15, Map 29, Lot 8, Stevens Hill Road. Of 2000 acres, to cut 65. Mulligan Forest. Submitted by J. Fernald, et.al;
 - (3) (No date indicated), Map 10, Lot 4, Smoke Street. Of 20 acres, to cut 10. Submitted by Jason White, J & L Holdings, Inc;
 - (4) 12-7-15, Map 45, Lot 1 and Map 52, Lot 7, Sub 1, Stevens Hill Road. (No acreage indicated.) Submitted by B. Haine.
 - (5) 12-7-15, Map 10, Lots 9 & 10, Map 8, Lot 9, Oak Ridge Road. Of 154.7 acres, to cut 45. Submitted by J. Falzone, Harbor Street Limited, LLC.
 - (6) 12-30-15, Map 41, Lot 2, Stage Road. Of 47 acres, to cut 40. Owned by State of NH, submitted by Hopkinton Forestry and Landscaping.
 - (7) 12-30-15, Map 28, Lot 3, Stage Road. Of 15 acres, to cut 13. Owned by State of NH, submitted by Hopkinton Forestry and Landscaping.
- Permit Application Date, 12-15-15, from David Price, DES, to BPRG, re: Lot 37, Lot 3 along the North River, Wetlands File #2015-2015-01908. A “Wetlands and Non-Specific Permit “ has been approved with 28 specific

conditions and seven (7) general conditions to construct a staircase down the bank of the North River for recreational purposes.

- Dated 12-28-15, from DES Dam Bureau, to James EW Gallagher, PE, Wetlands File # 2015-02005, for repair of Mendums Pond Dam, Map 6, Lot 21; a permit to temporarily impact 30,100 square feet and permanently impact 9220 square feet in order to repair the high hazard conditions of the dam. And included, from David Price, DES Wetlands Bureau, an additional permit for the project File #2015-02005, as long as 20 project specific conditions are met along with seven (7) general conditions. However, no work can begin until reviewed and approved followed with subsequent notification by the Army Corp of Engineers.

Annual Report: Demeritt will send members a draft by email for members to edit.

Turbidity meter: Funds from 2015 were not encumbered from the town operating funds, so Demeritt will inquire about placing that expenditure back into the Commission's budget request for 2016.

Timber cut on Dolloff Dam Road: There was follow up discussion from the last meeting of a timber cut in this area that appeared to be in violation of state wetland regulations. The state has been notified as well as the BOS office.

Congratulations were offered to Krystal Costa and Liz Kotowski who were both appointed by the BOS as alternate members to the Commission at the December 28, 2015 meeting.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to adjourn. All seven (7) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary.

These minutes were accepted as amended at the meeting held on February 18, 2018.