Conservation Commission Minutes

June 13, 2016

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Liz Kotowski, alternate who was seated for Raelene Shippee-Rice, Paul Miliotis, alternate, who was seated for Terry Bonser.

Guests were Jim Salge, resident.

Introductions and Announcements: A request went out to the viewing audience for up to three residents to join the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC). At the present, Nottingham has no representation on the LRAC. This committee reviews all applications that come to DES for the Lamprey River watershed in order to review and make recommendations re: temporary and permanent impacts. The North River and its tributaries are all part of this watershed.

Member Cheryl Smith joined the meeting at 7:17 PM. She asked that we stand and hold a moment of silence for the recent massacre at the Orlando Florida nightclub popular with the LGBT community and their friends.

Member Deb Kimball joined the meeting at 7:21 PM, as did guests Mike Russo, and Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, both residents and former members of the LRAC.

Minutes: The minutes of May 9, 2016 were reviewed. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kotowski to accept the minutes as read. Five (5) votes were in the affirmative and there was one abstention.

The minutes for the site walk on May 10, 2016 at the Smoke Street subdivision application location were reviewed and accepted as read. The motion was made by Kotowski and seconded by Miliotis; all six (6) votes were in the affirmative.

The minutes for the Workshop Meeting with the Planning Board on May 25, 2016, were reviewed and corrected. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Smith and seconded by Kotowski. The motion passed with all six (6) votes in the affirmative.

LRAC Request: The LRAC communicated with the Commission asking for a letter of support for their application to the National Park Service for a grant re: mapping. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kimball to send a letter of support to be included with the LRAC's grant application to the National Park Service. All six (6) votes were in the affirmative. Russo confirmed this request, as well as urging that there be representation from Nottingham on LRAC.

Russo and Winona MacKinnon left at 7:45 PM.

River Water Quality Testing: Kimball updated the members on the river water testing schedule and the recent instrumentation problems encountered on June 4. Because of problems with the new turbidity meter and the dissolved oxygen

conductivity meter, testing was cancelled on that date. The next testing will be in two weeks from that date and it is expected that the problems will have been corrected by then. Openings in the testing schedule have been filling in.

Roadside Cleanup: The next date for trash pick up along one mile each of Routes 152 and 156 will be held on June 29, 2016, beginning at 9 AM at the library. Demeritt will pick up the bags, vests and signage from the DOT station in Durham, as usual.

Discussion: There is concern regarding the small patch of Japanese knotweed at the Freeman Hall bridge over the North River. It is planned that members will determine a date and time to cut the vegetation, put the cut vegetation in black plastic bags, drip vinegar into the remaining stems and cover the stems with black plastic and an old rug.

Correspondence:

- Dated May 17, 2016, from Paul Colby, Code Administrator, a complaint re: a wetland violation at 49 Shore Drive, Map 68, Lot 42 was submitted to DES Wetlands Bureau Land Resources Management Program. There appeared to be no permit for removal of soils, removal of vegetation and alteration of terrain, and a number of other apparent violations of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act
- Dated June 2, 2016, a Wetlands Permit granted by DES, File # 2016-00711, identified as Map 20, Lot 7, owned by Gravel Pit Road Realty, to impact 500 square feet of wetland in order to install a 20 inch by 28 inch 20 foot long culvert for a driveway.
- Dated May 13, 2016, from DES Dam Bureau, David Price, East Region Inspector to Mr. James Gallagher, File # 2015-02005 for Mendums Pond Dam identified as Tax Map 6, Lot 21, an approval permit to temporarily impact 20,100 square feet and permanently impact 19,220 square feet to conduct necessary repairs on a high hazard dam.
- Intent to Cut (five):
- 1. May 23, Map 69, Lot 10, at 214 Raymond Road. Of 63 acres, to cut 40.
- 2. May 13, Map 61, Lot 12 at 177 Deerfield Road. Of 18.8 acres, to cut (no acreage given).
- 3. May 13, Map 61, Lot 12A, at 179 Deerfield Road. Of eight (8) acres, to cut one (1).
- 4. May 13, Map 61, Lot 14, at 165 Deerfield Road. Of 40 acres, to cut 30.
- 5. June 2, Map 61, Lot 16 at 159 Deerfield Road. Of 40 acres, to cut 35.

Sachs Subdivision application: Members of the Conservation Commission will conduct a site walk of the Sachs property along Mountain Road and Sachs Road on June 21, 2016 to commence at 9:00 AM. Attendees intending to participate are Mooney, Miliotis, Kimball and Demeritt. Celia Abrams will be invited as well. Demeritt will contact the land use clerk to post the proper notice and will contact Ken Sachs as well. Minutes will be taken and draft minutes will be submitted to the Planning Board prior to the next public hearing.

Received: A guide about dealing with invasive species was received from Great Bay Discovery Center entitled "Picking Our Battles": accompanied by a letter from Carol Andrews, Interim Director of NH Association of Conservation Commissions, NH Fish and Game and the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR).

Note: Kristen Lamb arrived at 8:34 PM having been engaged at the Board of Selectmen meeting running concurrent to the Commission's meeting.

Resignation: Terry Bonser sent a letter submitting his resignation as a member of the Conservation Commission. Mooney moved to accept Bonser's resignation. Kimball seconded the motion. All seven (7) votes were in the affirmative.

Recommendation: Chair Demeritt asked if either of the alternates in attendance was interested in becoming a full member. Miliotis stated that he would be pleased to do so. Kotowski moved to recommend that Paul Miliotis be appointed to the vacant position to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Smith seconded the motion. All seven (7) votes were in the affirmative. Demeritt will communicate the results of the vote to the BOS.

Reimbursements: Mooney asked to be reimbursed for mileage to and from the State Labs in Concord in order to deliver well water samples from residents. The total round trip was 55 miles. It was moved by Lamb and seconded by Smith to reimburse Mooney for said mileage. All seven (7) votes were in favor.

Kimball asked to be reimbursed for the cost of batteries for the river water testing kit, to the amount of \$14.98. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kotowski to reimburse Kimball for this amount. All seven (7) votes were in favor.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): Demeritt noted that the LRWA Volume 16, Issue 1 has been published, announcing that river water testing season has begun.

Members visited with Mr. Salge. He has recently moved into Nottingham and expressed interest in being of assistance to the Commission. Introductions by members and brief summaries of backgrounds were shared.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to adjourn. All seven (7) votes were in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on July 11, 2016.