

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Susan Mooney, Paul Miliotis, alternate, and Liz Kotowski, alternate. Guest was Jim Salge. Miliotis was seated for the vacant position and Kotowski was seated for Cheryl Smith. Member Raelene Shippee-Rice arrived at 7:10.

The Commission will be meeting again with the Planning Board on July 27 to continue discussions on Master Plan Action Items of common interest. (Note: This workshop meeting was subsequently postponed until August 10, 2016.)

Action Item: Commission members listed rivers, streams and brooks that appear on town maps. Unnamed streams will be investigated to determine if there are local names that were not noted on the maps. Kotowski will contact SRPC for any data they have on file, including which rivers and streams have which classification (first order, second order, etc.), and in which of five sub watersheds they are located.

Fernald Conservation Easement (CE) Celebration: This event will be held on July 31 at the Old Town Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Invitations are being sent out by the Forest Society to people who donated to this CE. Forty to fifty guests are expected. Refreshment assignments were assigned: Mooney - drinks, paper towels, trash bags; Demeritt - cheese and crackers; Miliotis - fruit, table décor; Shippee-Rice and Kotowski - sweets (brownies, cookies); Kimball - paper goods. (Note: The celebratory event was later postponed to August 28.)

Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of June 13 were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Kimball and seconded by Shippee-Rice. All six (6) votes were in the affirmative.

The Sachs Subdivision Site Walk minutes of June 21 were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Miliotis and seconded by Kotowski. Five (5) votes were in favor. (Note: Shippee-Rice had left at 8:35 PM, just prior to the review.)

Correspondence:

- From Bear-Paw Regional Greenways: A notice that membership dues are due for 2016.
- Dated 6-21-16: From DES, a "Complete Forestry Notification", File # 2016-01774, for Barbara Haine, 28 Stevens Hill Road, a "Notice to Start Work" on Map 45, Lot 1 and Map 52, Lot 7-1.
- "Supply Lines with the Source", Summer Issue.

- “Directions, Restoring Essential Habitat”, a publication from the Woodard Curran Foundation in Portland Maine.

Road Side Cleanup: This was held on June 29. Participants were Kotowski, Demeritt, Kimball, Miliotis and volunteer residents Ed Kotowski and Jim Salge.

Harvey Conservation Easement: A review of past meeting minutes, including those of the March 14, 2016 Commission meeting, found no information re: a vote to approve the expenditure of Conservation Fund monies for the Harvey CE project. The Board of Selectmen following the May 16, 2016, Public Hearing approved the release of these monies for the project. A motion was made by Mooney to confirm that the Commission approved the expenditure of up to \$63,000 dollars from the Town’s Conservation Fund for the Harvey Conservation Easement. Kimball seconded the motion. All five (5) votes were in favor.

Other:

- The Annual Meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) will be held Saturday, November 5.
- Mooney will contact the State Labs about composite data for the well water testing done in May.
- Miliotis suggested that Commission members review a recently released documentary about migratory birds. He suggested that this film might be appropriate for the Commission to sponsor a showing at the library for residents as an outreach event.
- Miliotis will also send members a link to a web site entitled “Where Have All the Insects Gone”. This page has new data about the recent worldwide insect decline.

Mooney moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kimball seconded the motion. All five (5) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on August 8, 2016.

