

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Raelene Shippee-Rice, Paul Miliotis, Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Debra Kimball (arrived at 7:10 PM) and Liz Kotowski, Alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb.

Guests were Dr. Dale Rice and Sarah Chapman, both residents.

Announcement: The Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) will be holding its Annual Meeting with a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 21, at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for two. LRWA volunteer water samplers are treated to dinner.

DES Permits:

- Driveway Permit Application for 46 Gile Road, Tax Map 27, Lot 1. Because the driveway is located along a Scenic Road, the application is sent from the Planning Board (PB) to the Commission to review. Members looked at the plans for the two-lot subdivision and approved the curb (driveway) cut.
- Received 10-5-16, from DES re: Shoreland Permit Application File # 2016-02649, to Timothy A. Peloquin at 9 Snow Lane, Tax Map 1, Lot 179, a request for additional information.
- Dated 10-4-16, from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), a Notice of Decision re: Shoreland Permit Application, to Gary M. Potavin, Case 16-009-VA-SE, Map 70, Lot 32 at 6 Tuckaway Shores, Approved with Conditions
 - (1) A variance from Article III Section B.2 of the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) to permit an addition with reduced wetland setbacks with the following conditions (a) A Shoreland Permit from NH DES on the plan, (b) Installation of dry well, one (1) or two (2) as needed and gutters and (c) Install a state approved septic system.
 - (2) A special exception from Article II Section C.2 of the ZO to permit a new septic system to be located approximately ten (10) feet from the front lot line.

The Commission members discussed this decision. It was calculated that the impermeable surface of the 0.37 acre (16117 square feet) lot would be increased from 3132 to 3967 square feet. This application will be sent to DES for their review. RSA 483 – B: 9, Minimum Shoreland Protection Standards sets conditions for applications such as this one. A motion was made by Smith, and seconded by Mooney that Demeritt send a letter to Paul Colby, Building Inspector and Code Enforcer, that he follow up to note conditions established by the ZBA to install dry wells as required per

RSA 483 – B: 9 (g) Impervious Surfaces (2). The Commission has concerns with the impact of increasing impervious surfaces on the lake water quality, from about 20% pre construction to about 25% post construction, and to take every effort during and after construction to minimize silt and runoff.” Discussion continued about encouraging an additional storm water management plan to increase the quality of the buffer between the house (and other buildings and driveway) and the lake. A vote was called. The motion passed unanimously, all seven (7) votes were in favor.

Minutes: The minutes of September 12, 2016 were reviewed. Kimball moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Shippee-Rice seconded the motion. All seven (7) votes were in favor.

2017 Budget: Budget items were reviewed, and some were adjusted to reflect anticipated expenses. Trail development and mapping for town-owned properties is a new entry at \$150; water testing equipment was reduced from \$500 for a new turbidity meter in 2016, to \$100 for 2017. Demeritt will look around to purchase a new canopy for Nottingham Day, ideally before the end of this (2016) fiscal year.

Little Bear Trail: A discussion was held as to where to have a Little Bear Trail event for local school children; we reviewed all of the town-owned properties in Nottingham. It was decided to use the trails at the school for several reasons – parking, facilities, and good trails already in place. Mooney will check with Principal Sousa re: trail location and then email interested people to form a committee. The Nottingham School Library, Blaisdell Memorial Library, the Recreation Department and the Commission will work together to plan such an event for the spring. The Little Bear Trail will be based on several children’s books written by Else Holmelund Minarik, published by Harper Collins, while she was a resident in Nottingham.

Correspondence:

- Dated 9-27-16, From Jen Drociak (for David Price), Compliance Specialist, Land Resources Management Program, DES, to Elmer A. Lai, 111 Carriage Way, Carlisle, MA 01741, re: Land Resources Management File # 2016-02726, at 49 Shore Drive, Nottingham, Map 68, Lot 42, that a “complaint has been received of possible violations including a dredged/ filled wetland, impaction of the bed or bank of a water body along with four (4) other possible violations without a permit. DES has the authority to take enforcement action. Respond within twenty (20) days.”
- Intent to Cut: received 9-13-16, Map 46, Lot 4-8 on Stevens Hill Road. Of 21.7 acres, to cut one (1) acre for driveway.
- Membership dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) and Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) are due.

Conservation Easement Monitoring: The Commission, on behalf of the Town of Nottingham, periodically (annually) monitors properties that have conservation easements or deed restrictions held by the Town. The following properties were scheduled:

- Kimball Family Forest: Miliotis walked the easement with Christine Mathes of BPRG prior to tonight's meeting. He will file a report for the Commission.
- Mendum's Landing Easements ("Mendum's I and II"): Kotowski will check with John Wallace of the Barrington Conservation Commission for scheduling because he had expressed interest in walking some of the parcels. This monitoring requires four people. Kotowski, Mooney and Demeritt are on board. Mooney will ask Celia Abrams, a former Commission member if she would join us.
- Highlands Housing Development: Nineteen properties have deed restrictions to protect the Little River Watershed. Four people are needed for this monitoring as well because the properties are divided between two teams of two monitors each. Mooney will update the property owners list and will send out notice letters to the property owners at least seven (7) days prior to the monitoring date. The date is set for Saturday, November 5 and will extend through to the Sunday of the following weekend. Monitors will be Demeritt, Mooney, Shippee-Rice and one other person. Mooney will check with former Commission members for a volunteer.

Note: Shippee-Rice (and Dr. Rice) left at 8:51 PM.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenway News: Demeritt reported that the Annual Meeting would be held at Coe Brown Academy on Saturday, January 28. Sam Evans Brown, a radio personality on NHNPR who has an outdoor program called "Inside Out", will give the presentation.

Nottingham Family Day went well. Many people stopped by the Commission's booth.

Roadside Cleanup along a mile each of Routes 152 and 156 was rescheduled to October 5. Demeritt, Mooney and Kotowski participated.

A Joint Meeting with the PB and ZBA is scheduled for October 12. A proposed "Dark Sky" ordinance will be discussed among other items of common interest.

The Commission's Website Page needs to be updated. Demeritt will attend to this.

"The Messenger" Program: Miliotis reported that this September 29th event sponsored by BML, The Maine Center for Wildlife and the Commission on was very well attended. The program was to raise awareness that the newly released DVD (which is available at the library for take out) is worth watching and heeding the message. About half of the DVD was viewed to leave time for questions, discussion, and an introduction to a screech owl who lives at the Maine Center for Wildlife rehabilitation facility. It is hoped that there will be a follow-up program in the late fall or in the spring to discuss landscaping suggestions in which residents can make their properties friendlier for a variety of wildlife species, particularly songbirds. There is a book at the BML by Dr. John Terborgh titled "Where Have All the Birds Gone?" Forest fragmentation by new roads and development is a primary issue, in the United States and in the tropics. Mr. Miliotis noted that the number of migratory songbirds in some areas in Nottingham has been smaller this summer, most allegedly due to the drought.

Note: Kimball left at 9:06 PM.

Reimbursement: A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mooney to reimburse Kotowski \$55.00 registration fee for the NHACC Annual meeting. All five (5) votes were in the affirmative.

Other: An idea was stated that the Commission include in our work on the river and stream list for local protection, restrictions on river water withdrawal by private companies. At this time the best thing to do if someone sees river water withdrawal occurring is to take a photo with a cell phone and send it to the business office.

Adjournment: Mooney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded the motion. All five (5) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on November 14, 2016.

