

Conservation Commission Minutes

October 30, 2023

Note: The regularly scheduled meeting for October 16, 2023 failed to gather a quorum and was rescheduled to October 30, 2023. The following are the minutes for that meeting

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Other members in attendance were Cheryl Smith, Mary Colvard, and Johan Kerkhove who was seated for Susan Mooney.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The following **Announcements** were made:

- The NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting will be held November 4, 2023 at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke.

Bear Paw Regional Greenways

- The Haunted Hunt on the North River Preserve was held on October, 29, 2023.
- The Hume easement is still underway

Trails Committee

- Met October 5, 2023
- Some trees are down on the Kennard trails, and in Marsh Woods. Tom Eid volunteered to coordinate the clean-up.
- The bridge on the North River Preserve trails has been repaired (in-time for the Haunted Hunt).
- The next Senior day hike is scheduled for November 5, 2023 on the North River Preserve. (Sam Demeritt led the last Senior Day hike on 10/23/23).
- The trails booklet is still in progress. The trails committee is consulting with other towns to see what the options are.
- Tom Eid gave a presentation about the Trails Committee and its activities at the Blaisdell Library on October 25, 2023.
- Deb Kimball has not received reimbursement for the \$200 payment she made to Portsmouth Sign in August (*tabled until next meeting*).

VRAP River Water Testing

- Water testing has been completed for the year.
- The salinity and dissolved oxygen meter needs replacing (a meter was borrowed from DES for the 2023 season). The approximate cost of a replacement meter is \$2,000.

Easement monitoring

- Scheduling tabled until the next meeting.
- Deb Kimball emailed the NCC explaining the challenges with monitoring the Friend Easement. (parts of the property boundaries are flooded due to the high rainfall amounts in 2023 and recent beaver activity). Owen Friend Gray agreed to meet with Deb on November 5 to monitor the French Road portion of the easement.

- Deb K. also suggested additional NCC members or volunteers become familiar with the Friend Easement to assist with monitoring.

Correspondence:

- Wetlands Permit application dated 9/11/2023 from Benjamin McMahon, 22 Cahill Lane, Map 68 Lot 56.
- Notification from NHDES dated 9/13/2023 of incomplete Wetlands Permit application from Benjamin McMahon, 22 Cahill Lane, Map 68 Lot 56.
- Request from NHDES for additional information regarding a Dredge and Fill permit for 41 Moores Road and 11 Moores Road, Map 72, Lot 13-1, NHDES file # 2023-01946.
- Notification from NHDES of accepted Shoreland Permit from John Zillox, 74 Barderry Lane, Map 63, Lot 37, NHDES file # 2023-02634.
- Notification of Shoreland Permit from Richard L. Fiorenza Jr., 28 Cove Road, Map 68, Lot 73. NHDES file # 2023-02131.
- Notification from NHDES of Violation: Nadeau Special Needs Trust, 3 Seaman's Point Road, Map 68, Lot 110, regrading without permit/authorization.

Adjournment: It was moved by Smith and seconded by Colvard to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Smith

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Cheryl A. Smith, Vice Chair

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on November 13, 2023.