

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Mary Colvard, Jonathan Rydberg, Cheryl Smith, and Susan Mooney. Guest was Kaitlin Deyo, Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Land Protection Project Manager.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

There were no **Announcements**.

Potential Easements: Ms. Deyo distributed a document to members that included the text of RSA 36-A: 4-a, 1b for consideration. In short, this RSA, if approved by voters at Town Meeting, would permit landowners, if they so wish, to use funding provided for easements by the town, but would allow said landowners the flexibility to direct the easement deed or executory interest in the deed to be held by non-profit agencies other than the town. Deyo indicated that Strafford passed this article in 2009. A potential easement is being considered by BPRG and the NCC in which the landowners will be gifting the monetary value of the parcel to BPRG and wish that Nottingham Conservation Fund (NCF) funds be used solely for the administrative costs of the project without any executory interest for the town of Nottingham. During discussion of this potential warrant article members agreed to bring this suggestion to the Select Board. Demeritt will schedule a date and time to meet with the Select Board.

Ms. Deyo left the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Mooney will contact the owner of the potential easement property identified as P17 to ask for an update.

The potential of using some of the NCF to pay down a portion of the bond that the town incurred for a previous easement project is being explored. The NH Association of Conservation Commissions has offered their opinion, the next step is for an opinion from the town's legal agency. The NCC has requested such legal opinion through the Select Board.

Easement Monitoring:

- **Highlands:** Demeritt and Mooney monitored the 19 deed-restricted properties at the Highlands housing development on 11-6-21 and 11-7-21. The property that was not available to monitor the previous year and appeared to have some non-permitted uses was open this year. We were welcomed by the landowner who walked the property with us. All activities were determined to be in compliance. Mooney will write up the monitoring report and will construct a letter to the Select Board re: this year's review.
- **Mendums Landing:** On October 29, Demeritt walked the "Mendums West" parcel with Michael Miale who replaced Tom Daniels as the lead contact for Mendums Landing Association (MLA). "Mendums West" contains the majority of acreage in the easement, over 24 acres including the proposed "paper" driveway; "Mendums East", a total of 11.16 acres, lies on both sides of Mendums Landing (road) and is mostly visible from there. All was in order. The walk was easier than previous years because the slash from the recent timber cut had decayed more. Mooney will write up the report and will submit a copy to the MLA.
- **Friend Family:** Kimball and Celia Abrams monitored this easement on 11-3-21. Kimball noted that beaver activity had made some areas challenging to access. She recommended

that there be an updated survey of the easement area and will follow up on this suggestion.

- Terninko parcels: Abrams and Rydberg will monitor these two easements held by the town, within the next two weeks.
- Kimball Family Forest: Smith and Lamb will monitor the parcel held in fee by Bear-Paw Regional greenways. Date TBD.

Trails Committee (NTC): Signage for the trail on the Marston property were recently delivered. The Fernalds have indicated that they will be updating the trails in Mulligan Forest and plan to erect a new kiosk.

Mr. Terninko spent \$205.38 for bridge materials for the Maggie Terninko Trail. Some materials he donated as well as the labor to construct them. He asked to be reimbursed for the out-of-pocket expenses. It was moved by Rydberg and seconded by Kimball to reimburse John Terninko \$205.38 for bridge building supplies for the public trail. All six (6) votes were in favor.

There are funds available in the NCC 2021 budget to construct a few Aldo Leopold benches for the trail systems in town. Demeritt reported that about \$150 remains unspent, and at \$25 apiece, six (6) benches could be constructed.

Bear-Paw (BPRG) Report: Demeritt stated that BPRG has been very busy with easement projects through the Bear-Paw area.

The Haunted Hunt hosted 64 children representing over 34 families who participated in this Halloween event held October 23 and 24 in the North River Preserve.

Correspondence:

- Dated 10-14-21, received 10-18-21, from DES, a Permit by Notification File # 2021-03212, to Terry Bonser, 24 Smoke Street, Map 23, Lot 2; specifically, a Forestry SPN (Statutory Permit by Notification) from Richard Erausquin, Notification Specialist, Wetlands Bureau, Land Resources Management, Water Division. The letter states eight (8) conditions to be followed during the permitted activity.
- Dated 10-13-21, from Mary Ann Tilton, CWS, re: the NH Dept. of Environmental Services/ Culvert Maintenance Program, DES, to Town Clerks, certificates for Adam Cook and Shane Dow for participation in said program.
- Dated 10-21-21, sent to DES and copied to the NCC, from Anthony Jones, Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., a Shoreland Protection Permit Application for 65 Lakeview Drive, Map 71, Lot 37, to demolish a house and reconstruct a new two-bedroom house on the lot.
- Dated 10-20-21, from David Price, Compliance Specialist, Land Resource Management Program, DES, to Kubota Trust, 214 Raymond Road, File #2021-03256, Map 69, Lots 8 & 10, that the proposed site restoration plan was approved with the compliance of 20 listed conditions by the applicant.
- Dated 10-21-21, from Alteration of Terrain Bureau, Land Resources Management Program, to Nottingham Sand and Gravel, 214 Raymond Road, Map 69, Lots 8 & 10, re: an AOT permit application, File #211020-151, to disturb 267,540 sq. ft. of earth. The application was accepted.

- Dated 10-28-21, from DES, to Jeff Speck and copied to Anthony Jones, Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc., that the application for a Shoreland Permit Application (SPA) for 2021-03341, for property located at 65 lakeview Drive, Map 71, Lot 37 was received. The identifier is Case #2021- 03341.
- Dated 10-21-21, to DES, from Jones and Beach re: Case #2021-03341, a response to request of additional information from DES, ten (10) items included for the SPA (previous bullet) on behalf of Jeff Speck.
- Dated 11-1-21, from Rosemary Aures, Shoreland Specialist, DES, a Request for More Information for a Shoreland Permit Application, Case #2021-03130, to Matthew Bergeron for property identified as Map 68, Lot 49-1. Three (3) items were listed in the Request.
- Dated 10-31-21, An addendum to a Wetlands Permit by Notification Application from Paul and Debra Wallace for 43 North River Lake Road, Case #2021-03269; correspondence included drawings and plans for reconstruction of a retaining wall at the property.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2021, were reviewed, and edited. Kimball moved to accept the minutes of 10-18-21 as amended. The motion was seconded by Smith. All six (6) votes were in favor.

Adopt-A-Highway Litter Cleanup: Ten (10) bags of trash along one mile each of Routes 152 and 156 were picked up for DOT pickup on 10-28-21.

Election of Officers: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to reelect the same slate of officers for the term. All six (6) votes were in Favor. The results were Chairperson – Samuel Demeritt, Vice-Chairperson – Debra Kimball, and Secretary – Susan Mooney.

Adjournment: It was moved by Rydberg and seconded by Colvard to adjourn the meeting. All six (6) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on December 13, 2021.