

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Mary Colvard, Debra Kimball, Susan Mooney, and Jon Rydberg (7:15 PM).

Guests were Dallas Huggins, resident; Alden Beauchemin, Keyland Enterprises, LLC, Hooksett, NH and Anthony Comeau, 176 Stevens Hill Road, Nottingham.

Announcements: After the Pledge of Allegiance, Demeritt announced that there will be a Winter Walk on Saturday, February 18 on the town-owned Marston property. The event is hosted by the Tricentennial Committee and will be led by Kristen Lamb, Commission member and Executive Director, Center for Wildlife, Cape Neddick, ME, and Celia Abrams, former Commission member and Co-Chair of the Nottingham Trails Committee.

Candidates Night will be held at the school on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 6:30 PM. Town vote will be on March 8 for elected positions and warrant articles put forward by the town, residents, the school committee, and teachers.

Wetland Applications: Mr. Beauchemin and Mr. Comeau presented plans for a proposed minor subdivision at 176 Stevens Hill Road, known as Map 49, Lot 4. This meeting with the Commission was a “heads up” prior to submitting a request for permit to the Wetlands Bureau, NH DES. The parent parcel contains 17.55 acres from which a single lot of 5.02 acres will be created. The proposed driveway for the new lot will traverse a small wetland. The Commission members reviewed the proposed plans and determined that all details were satisfactory. It was recommended that the request for permit include an alternate proposal for a driveway crossing to show DES that the initial proposal would have less of an impact on the wetland. The gentlemen left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Trails Committee Report: The February meeting scheduled for 2-3-22 was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Correspondence:

- Dated 1-7-22, from David L. Frothingham III, PE, Wilcox and Barton, Inc., Civil Engineers to Chad Hayes, PE, NH DES, Oil Remediation and Compliance Bureau, Concord, (cc-ed to the Commission), an application to construct a replacement system for failed underground piping equipment for the gasoline station at Liars Paradise (store) located at 118 Stage Road, Nottingham.
- Dated 12-10-21, from Conor Madison, Assistant Project Manager, NH DES Wetlands Bureau to the Town of Nottingham, an application re: a Statutory Permit-by-Notification (SPN) on behalf of Public Service of NH for vegetation maintenance along NH-01 Right of Way powerline corridor.
- Dated 1-11-22, from Richard E. Erausquin, Notification Specialist, Wetlands Bureau, Land Resources Management, Water Division, NH DES, to Eversource Energy (Public Service of NH), DES File # 2021-03795, a Statutory Permit by Notification re: the previous application for vegetation maintenance along the Nottingham ROW. Six (6) site specific conditions were stated in the document.

- Dated 1-4-22, from Tom Duffy, past president of the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) to Councilor Ted Gatsas, copied to the Commission, a letter describing the PLIA Weed Watcher program of 70 active members and including a booklet “Welcome to Pawtuckaway Lake”, 2019.
- Date not noted, from Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD), a monitoring report for the conservation easement properties comprising 53.33 acres at the Brook Crossing housing development located along Old Turnpike Road (NH Route 4). The date of arial inspection was 1-12-22 and was submitted by Arianna Spear, Stewardship Manager RCCD. All was satisfactory.
- Date not noted, from RCCD, an arial monitoring report for the two (2) Blaisdell conservation easement properties of 73 acres and 57 acres located in the southwest area of Nottingham adjacent to Pawtuckaway State Park. The date of inspection was 1-12-22 and was submitted by Arianna Spear, Stewardship manager RCCD. All was satisfactory.
- Dated 1-20-22, from Connie Colton, Land Protection and Stewardship Coordinator, Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF), to Mr. Sam Demeritt for the Town of Nottingham, an Annual Forest Society Monitoring Report for the Helen E. Fernald Trust 96-acre conservation easement on Deerfield Road. The property was monitored on 9-11-20 and an arial image was taken on 4-26-20. All was satisfactory.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- The minutes of 1-10-22 were reviewed and corrected. It was moved by Rydberg and seconded by Colvard to accept the minutes of January 10, 2022, as amended. All five (5) votes were in favor.
- The minutes of 1-24-22 were reviewed and corrected. It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Colvard to accept the minutes of January 24, 2022, as amended. All five (5) votes were in favor.
- The minutes of 1-24-22 for the Public Meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections made. It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Rydberg to accept the minutes of the public hearing on January 24, 2022, as read. All five (5) votes were in favor.

Stewardship Plan Proposals for Conservation Easements: The Commission, in conversation with the landowner and other interested parties, have determined to contract two (2) stewardship plans for easement properties for which the town is the primary conservation easement deed holder. These parcels are identified as Map 9 Lot 10 (15 +/- acres) and Map 9 Lot 11 (107 acres) and are located along Case Road, a scenic road in Nottingham. Such plans would accompany the conservation deeds to guide the town and future landowners and would recommend practices to maintain their high conservation values. A proposal from Ibis Wildlife Consulting was received and entertained. The proposal appeared to indicate that each plan would cost \$4000 (however, subsequent communication revealed that \$4000 would be the total cost for both plans). The proposal stated that the documents would be completed by August 1, 2022.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to direct a sum of \$8000.00 from the Conservation Fund for the development of two (2) stewardship plans for conservation easement properties identified as Map 9 Lot 10 and Map 9 Lot 11. All five (5) votes were in favor. Mooney will schedule a public hearing with the Select Board.

Other:

- Mooney indicated that she has received information and links from Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) re: information from agencies and other municipalities on protective measures (less road salt usage) in the area of stratified drift aquifers and similar sensitive areas. She will have more information for the March meeting.
- Kimball stated that she will move forward with a resurvey for the Friend Family conservation easement parcel necessitated by recent activities on abutting properties.
- Members spoke with Ms. Huggins; she indicated that she was concerned with the annual spring events of amphibian migrations called “Big Night” and how vehicles that drive over roads that abut wetlands kill significant numbers of animals at these critical times of species reproduction behavior. Of concern to her were the areas along Mill Pond Road by the wetland complex of Little River. Another significant place in town is Gile Road (east), among others. Ms. Dallas wished to conduct some outreach and possibly even encourage active participation of residents in helping the small salamanders “swim” across the roads during the rainy evenings. An article for the local Community Newsletter would help spread the word. Additionally, Commission members encouraged Ms. Huggins to consider an appointment by the Select Board to the Commission serving as an alternate member.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Mooney moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Colvard. All five (5) votes were in favor. The meeting as adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on March 14, 2022.