

Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:04. Other members present were Raelene Shippee-Rice, Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Debra Kimball and Kristen Lamb.

Guest was Paul Miliotis, 156 Stevens Hill Road, Nottingham.

Minutes: The minutes of April 13, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as read. The motion was made by Shippee-Rice and seconded by Smith; all six (6) votes were in the affirmative.

Election of Officers: A slate of officers were nominated as follows: Demeritt for Chairperson (nominated by Mooney, seconded by Kimball); Kimball for Vice Chair (nominated by Demeritt, seconded by Shippee-Rice); Mooney for Secretary (nominated by Demeritt, seconded by Smith). Smith moved the nominations for a vote, seconded by Shippee-Rice. All six (6) votes were in favor. The officers for the Commission until April 2016 are Sam Demeritt, Chairperson; Debra Kimball, Vice Chairperson; and Susan Mooney, Secretary.

Adopt a Highway/Roadside Cleanup: The next clean up is scheduled for June 23. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 in the library parking lot. Demeritt will pick up the materials at the NHDOT.

VRAP/ River Quality Testing: Kimball reported that the turbidity meter is “dead” and the VRAP Concord office will lend us a working one for the time being. Kimball will inquire about purchasing a replacement meter for our kit, which is owned by the town. Kimball reviewed the water testing schedule for the summer and will email an updated version to us.

Conservation Easements:

- Demeritt signed the Moose Plate Grant document for P2 and indicated that SELT was going to “go public” with this project in the near future.
- Smith asked for an update on the Fernald project re: the release of Conservation Fund monies from the Town. Demeritt will follow up with Tom Howe at the Forest Society.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Report:

- The Nottingham Fishing Derby will be held on May 16 and Bear-Paw hopes to have the kiosk completed at the North River Preserve by that time.
- There will be a rigorous mountain bike ride on June 13 at the Clay Pond area in Hooksett.

Correspondence:

- Approvals for wetland permits from DES on the two Haley properties on Hall Road and Warren Road. April 3 for Tax Map/Lot 269/8 and April 6 for Tax

Map/Lot 6/22. These permits are to repair trail crossings and to replace failed culverts. Sections of these parcels are located in Barrington.

- There were eight (8) Intent to Cuts:
 1. Mooney, Map 43, Lots 55-1, 55-2, Map 44, Lots 2,13,14; 45 acres on Flutter Street;
 2. Ken Sachs, Map 71, Lot 150, of 98 acres, to cut 95. (No access road given.)
 3. Proulx, Map 51, Lot 3-1, of 41.08 acres to cut 30 on Deerfield Road;
 4. Hodgson, Map 32, Lot 4-16, of 22 acres to cut 10;
 5. Curry, Map 49, Lot 5, of 56 acres, to cut 20 on Stevens Hill Road;
 6. Welch, Map 51, Lot 3, of 169.87 acres, to cut 150 on Deerfield Road;
 7. Stillbach, Map 74, Lot 1 and Map 75, Lot 1, of 402 acres, to cut 200 on Cilley Road;
 8. Joy, Map 43, Lot 36, of 55 acres to cut 40 on Halls Way.
- Received the latest copy of *Forest Notes* from the Forest Society.

Lamprey River Watershed Association: Demeritt will send out the schedule of events in the near future.

Managed River Signs for the North River: Demeritt will follow up on this project.

Other: Kimball will check with BPRG to inquire if maps for the Comte, Kimball and North River Preserve easement properties are available. Additional properties include Mulligan Forest and the new Fernald easement (not yet completed at this time).

Guest Miliotis asked if there had been a scientific wildlife study done for habitats in the area. He indicated that he is an ornithologist with a special interest in dragonflies and damselflies. These insects are very sensitive to wetland oxygen levels and habitat health. He has worked for Audubon, the Nature Conservancy and other wildlife groups and has led wildlife tours all over the world. He has noted at least 150 – 160 bird species in Nottingham alone.

Shippee-Rice left at 8:00.

Smith moved that the meeting adjourn, followed by a second from Kimball. All votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were approved as amended at the meeting held on July 13, 2015.

