

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. Other members present were Raelene Shippee-Rice, Cheryl Smith, Susan Mooney, Terry Bonser, Deb Kimball (arrived at 7:30), and Paul Miliotis, Alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb. Guests were Dan Kern, Executive Director for Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG), and Kathy Carter, Resident.

**Conservation Easements:** Dan Kern gave a brief update on two new conservation easement (CE) projects in Nottingham. BPRG is only in the preliminary stage for both projects. Mr. Kern indicated that the landowners themselves would most likely fund expenses for the two projects. It was not known if one of the two property owners wished to let the public know of their intentions at this time, so names were not entered into the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Kern also asked about the project status and timeline for the Ronald Kennard CE. This is a 30 +/- acre parcel purchased by the Town located on Kennard Road. The Commission reassured Mr. Kern that the Commission is committed to place the Kennard property into a CE. When we receive an update of the Conservation Fund monies, after supporting two CE's this year, we would be able to determine when to proceed with the CE for the parcel.

Mr. Kern left at 7:18.

**Mendum's Pond Dam Repair:** Demeritt reported on the need to repair the Mendum's Pond Dam by DES. The State owns the dam and property to the east of the dam, but by far, the less impact for access and repair is from the west side of the dam, crossing the Mendum's Landing Association CE. Properties are identified as Map 5, Lot 7 for staging and Lot 7-5 for the repair work. The access will be 30 feet wide and between 10 and 20 feet long. Upon completion, restoration of 600 square feet of impact will be restored and replanted. Demeritt walked the site on September 10 at 9 AM with a representative of the Mendum's Landing Association and a representative from DES. A motion was made by Mooney and seconded by Shippee-Rice as follows: " the Conservation Commission, as agents of the town of Nottingham, to approve access road and location of staging area for repair to the dam provided that the impact areas are restored and replanted All six (6) votes were in the affirmative.

(Note: Kathy Carter left at 7:29 PM. Kimball arrived at 7:30 PM.)

**Conservation Commission 2016 Budget:** Commission members reviewed the proposed 2016 budget line by line to determine which items could be reduced, which should remain the same, and which should be increased. The water testing equipment line was increased from zero dollars (\$0.00) to \$500 dollars to

replace the turbidity meter. Demeritt will submit the budget to the Business Office.

**Nottingham Family Day:** Discussion followed re: what was needed for the booth this year and who would be able to assist with set up, attendance and break down. Lamb had indicated that she could help out from 9 AM to 1 PM. Demeritt will help with break down. Smith will do pick up and set up with Mooney, beginning at 8 AM. Smith could stay until 10 AM. Mooney will stay through the day and will be accompanied by April Bacon, a former Commission member, and gracious volunteer. Shippee-Rice will be able to attend to the booth from time to time and will also assist with breakdown. Kimball has a table and will also bring a poster about recent and future CE's (Fernald, Sweetser, and Harvey) for display. The major display will be well water testing kit information from the State Labs in Concord. Lamb and Mooney visited the State Labs this morning (9-14-15) and picked up a sample kit and literature about well water testing protocol. (See additional information below.). Smith will provide easels for displays and maps and will bring information and display items about the Emerald Ash Borer and Woolly Adelgid.

**Well Water Test Kits for Residents:** Demeritt and Mooney will distribute well water testing kits to residents at the Town Office Building on Saturday, October 17 from 9 AM to 1 PM. On Sunday, October 25, residents can return the samples to the Town Office building also from 9 AM to 1 PM. Mooney, Kimball will attend to collecting the samples and packing them into coolers to be transported to the State labs for analysis. The standard test includes, metals (Lead, etc.), bacteria, arsenic and fluoride, and costs \$85 dollars. The radon test is an additional \$20 dollars and if residents wish to only test for arsenic, that single test is \$15 dollars. Residents will receive their test results and the town will only be provided an overall summary.

**CE Annual Monitoring:** There are several CE's in Nottingham for which the Town holds the easement and is responsible for annually monitoring these properties to ensure that the deeds have not been violated. The CE's include the Friend Family CE on Raymond Road, Mendums Landing Association, two CE parcels along Route 4, Kimball Family Forest CE on Freeman Hall Road, and 19 deed restriction parcels located in the Highlands housing development. Mendums is scheduled for October 27 at 9 AM and participants will be Demeritt, Mooney, Miliotis and Shippee-Rice; Highlands will be conducted on October 31, beginning at 8 AM. Participants will be Mooney, Bonser, Demeritt and Shippee-Rice, Friend will be scheduled and done by Kimball; Kimball Family Forest will be scheduled and monitored by Smith.

**Road Side Clean Up** is scheduled for November 3, commencing at 8:30 AM. Participating members will be Demeritt, Shippee-Rice, Kimball and Mooney.

**Sweetser MOU:** Demeritt will contact the Town Administrator to resend the MOU to the Board of Selectmen for their endorsements necessary for the Sweetser CE to move forward to completion.

**Memorial Bench:** Kimball will investigate design and cost for a bench in memory of Noel Carlson, a Commission member who passed away in January of this year.

**Maple Ridge CE:** There was a discussion as to whether the Commission should retract the motion(s) to pledge monies from the Conservation Fund to help finance a proposed CE through NRCS grant that would purchase the development rights of the entire parcel (minus one house lot); or to help purchase the development rights for the middle group of proposed house lots, also through a NRCS CE grant. It was decided to postpone action to a later date.

**Planning Board Public Hearing for Subdivision Regulations Update:** The public hearing for public comment on the revised Subdivision Regulations is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23. Additional Commission members are expected to attend to stress the importance of including the Commission for review and input on all major subdivisions. In this way, natural resources and landscape features will have an additional layer of protection brought to the proposed projects.

**Correspondence:**

- Dated August 19, 2015, from DES to Benjamin G. McMahon, of 22 Cahill Lane, File # 2015-01624, re: A Standard Dredge and Fill application for property identified as Tax Map 68, Lot 56, a “request for more information”.
- Dated August 21, 2015, from DES to Longueil Revocable Trust 1996, of 1 Cooper Hill Road, File # 2015-02215, an “acknowledgement of receipt of your wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification for Map 16, Lot 15A”.
- Dated August 26, 2015, from Dori Wiggins, East Region Supervisor, DES Wetlands Bureau to James W. Gallagher, Jr., Wetlands File # 2015-02005, an approval to temporarily impact 18,000 square feet and permanently impact 8600 square feet re: NHDES Dam Bureau Mendums Pond Dam repair, located at Map 6, Lot 21, The approval lists 20 project specific conditions and seven general conditions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kimball and seconded by Mooney. All seven votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on October 19, 2015.