

Nottingham Conservation Commission Workshop Meeting January 21, 2016

Chairperson Demeritt called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Other members in attendance were Kristen Lamb, Susan Mooney, Paul Miliotis who was seated for Terry Bonser and Liz Kotowski who was seated for Debra Kimball.

The purpose of the meeting was primarily to update the Commission's Strategic Plan. Other business was attended to first and included edits to the Annual Report that will be published in the Town's 2015 Annual Report, available prior to Town Meeting.

The Conservation Easement spreadsheet, which the Commission has presented to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) at past quarterly update meetings, is due for an update. Demeritt will contact Cheryl Smith about this and an additional column for the number of potential houses that would not be constructed.

NCC By-Laws and Rules of procedure were postponed to the April meeting since some members will not be able to attend the March meeting.

(The following is a rough recording of five Objectives and their Benchmarks that were attended to. They have been recorded in a temporal sequence rather than in a numerical sequence, thus following the flow of the meeting.)

**Strategic Plan Update:**

- 2.2 To do overlays re: steep slopes, resilient communities, special communities, wetlands, etc. New map for Wildlife Action Plan. Kristen will contact re: same for a map of our own to show at Town Meeting. (Note: since then several of us have registered for the WAP Update presentation in Portsmouth next month)
- 2.3 Schedule a mapping how-to-do workshop. Maybe with Kyle Pimental at Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC). Also Four Generals' Greenway overlay
- 2.4 Any protection for Blandings (turtles), black racer (snakes)? Location of these sensitive areas on map/wetlands. (Thinking about out loud), an outreach program in April for public to be introduced to wetlands and vernal pools and their inhabitants (audio of wood frogs, etc.). Introduce Prime Wetlands to the public during this outreach event, offering a state layer of protection.
- Kotowski suggested a field trip to Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) office for us. Demeritt will check with Dan Kern. Also will check their mapping resources. Demeritt will inquire. Thought: Miliotis and Mark West to provide an inventory of wetlands for Prime Wetlands designation. Fliers for Town Meeting? Need to check with moderator. On Warrant for 2017?

- 2.1 BPRG- inquire about hosting another Land Conservation Workshop here in Nottingham. It has been several years since the last one. Demeritt will ask.
- Also schedule a meeting with Planning Board (PB), after March to discuss areas of common interest: Start a list: steep slopes; culvert design for wetland crossings through out Nottingham & housing developments; minimum lot clearing for major housing developments, etc.
- 3.1 Review Master Plan assignments for NCC. Agenda item in near future (Demeritt) Mooney will compile items. Knightly News local school paper that goes to parents with information on outreach programs, walks. (Mooney)
- (Mooney) Communicate with the BOS Office about updating the Commission's (NCC) web page. Kotowski and Lamb on board (DONE)
- (Kotowski): Building additional relationships between groups in Town, such as PLIA with the NCC. New pamphlets available from PLIA for Business office and library for the public. PLIA also is updating their website.
- Discussion about timber cut off Dolloff Dam Road. Some marked trees are within the no-cut buffer on Pawtuckaway Lake. No intent to cut had been filed. No listing of the logger contractor with the state. The BOS Office has been contacted. Kotowski will follow up. Kotowski suggested, "So you want to cut" leaflet for the town. Or on town web site. Will send us links from other NH towns as to what they do.
- Discussion on carbon cycle. Logging removes trees that naturally take up CO<sub>2</sub>; removing these trees adds to the increasing amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> since the carbon is not used in photosynthesis to make carbohydrates.

**Correspondence:** Dated July 2015, a monitoring report from the Forest Society for Mulligan Forest was presented to the NCC.

It was moved by Lamb and seconded by Miliotis to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on February 18, 2016.

