

Note: Due to the weather forecast, the regularly scheduled meeting was postponed from Monday, February 13 to Wednesday, February 15.

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Paul Miliotis and Debra Kimball. Guests were Sam Lavallee, Revision Energy, Director of Finance and Heather Fournier resident and also representing Revision Energy.

Announcements: The Second Annual Breakfast-in-the-Barn hosted by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Solar Power Presentation, Revision Energy: Mr. Lavallee and Ms. Fournier opened the presentation by describing a proposed project for solar panel installations in Nottingham on the roofs of the municipal office building and the fire station. They explained that because the town is a non-profit entity, the town would not benefit from the tax incentives available to businesses and private citizens. In these cases, the solar installations would be funded, owned and operated by a third party, in this case IGS Solar. The Town of Nottingham would license the sites to IGS Solar for a contract term of six (6) to twenty (20) years, with an option for two (2) five-year extensions. During this time IGS Solar would sell power to the grid (Eversource) and take the tax credits for the initiative. The Town of Nottingham would continue to purchase power from our electricity provider (Eversource) as we do at present. After six (6) years the town would have an annual opportunity to purchase the solar arrays from IGS Solar who would offer the solar installations to the town at a reduced price from the initial cost, 60% less on average on year six (6). Thus, the town would have the opportunity to provide its own electric power through the array, only needing to purchase additional power if needed. Revision Energy will be giving a presentation to residents at Town Meeting on March 18. Discussion followed as to the economic merit of the proposal to Nottingham, examples of other solar installations in communities (such as the one in Durham that went on line last summer), what the reduction in fossil fuel dependence would mean environmentally, and the fact that Nottingham has always strived to be a self-sufficient community.

Mr. Lavallee and Ms. Fournier left the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of January 8, 2017, taken by Shippee-Rice were reviewed and corrected. The minutes were approved by a motion made by Mooney, and seconded by Kimball. All five (5) votes were in the affirmative.

(Note: Shippee-Rice left the meeting at 8:37.)

Correspondence:

Three Intent to Cuts:

- Map 57, Lot 4 on Ledge Farm Road. Of 13.6 acres, to cut 10.

- Map 73, Lots 1-1 & 1-2 and Map 72, Lot 1-1, on Mountain Road (was incorrectly identified as located on Stage Road on document). Of 225 acres, to cut 175.
- Map 76, Lot 2, located on Deerfield Road (in Pawtuckaway State Park). Of 215 acres to cut 215.

Dated 12-15-15, a Forestry Notification from Division of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) re: the Map 76, Lot 2 forestry timber harvest above.

Report from the Planning Board (PB): Two applications before the PB involve wetland impacts. Best Buy Auto Sales located at 255 Old Turnpike Road (Route 4) (Map 16, Lot 7) has applied for a Change in Use. Because the property abuts the North River near its source, and the North River lies within the state protected Lamprey River watershed, the Commission would request that the Planning Board permit the Commission to review this application for the PB. The other property is Concrete Products of Londonderry (Shea Concrete), located on 160 Old Turnpike Road, Map 3, Lots 2-2 & 2-1. The application is to fill in a wetland with a mitigation "Rain Garden", in order to construct a 50' x 100' manufacturing building and storage area on part of the wetland site. Mooney will ask the PB at the next meeting to request that the NCC review these applications because of their wetland impacts. If needed, the NCC will hold a special meeting to accommodate the applicants.

Board Empowerment Series, "Wetland Permit Application Review": Kotowski and Mooney will be attending this workshop at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center in Greenland, sponsored by Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, and the Great Bay Estuarine Research Reserve. The program presented by Marc Jacobs, certified wetland and soil scientist, will cover the application process and what conservation commissions are empowered by state statute to review and request during these reviews.

It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Mooney to adjourn the meeting. All four (4) votes were affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on May 16, 2017.