

Chairperson Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Other members in attendance were Raelene Shippee-Rice, Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Paul Miliotis, Alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb and Liz Kotowski, Alternate, who was seated for Terry Bonser. Guest was Dr. Dale Rice.

Three Announcements: Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) will be holding a fundraiser "Breakfast in the Barn" on April 30 at 9 AM. The event will be at the Kitz Farm in Strafford. Bear-Paw events and information about this regional land trust organization can be found on their web site, bear-paw.org.

BPRG will conduct a vernal pool walk on Saturday, April 23, on the North River Preserve in Nottingham, beginning at 9:30 AM.

Well water sample collection for private wells will be held at Blaisdell Memorial Library on Sunday, May 22. At this time, the hours of collection are not yet determined. (The sample collection time was later set for 1 PM to 4 PM.)

Friend Family Conservation Easement. The Friend Family is applying to the Planning Board for a lot line adjustment (LLA) followed by an application for a two-lot subdivision. Communications with members of the Friend family reassured the Commission that the original conservation easement property would not be involved in any way with these proposals. Details involved a LLA from Map 67, Lot 1 to Map 67, Lot 2, and then subdividing Map 67, Lot 2 into two lots. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Mooney to request the Planning Board that the applicants re-blaze the bounds between the new lot and the conservation easement area. All five (5) votes were in favor. Demeritt will communicate this information to the Friend Family and Mooney will bring the Commission's decision to the next Planning Board meeting.

Officer Elections: Following Town Meeting and the reappointment of Commission members by the Board of Selectmen (BOS), the Commission elects officers for the coming year. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Kotowski to reelect the current slate of officers for one year. All five (5) votes were in favor. The officers for 2016 through March 2017 are as follows: Samuel Demeritt, Chairperson; Debra Kimball, Vice Chairperson; Susan Mooney, Secretary.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of February 18, 2016, were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Kotowski, seconded by Smith and the motion passed with four (4) yes votes and one (1) abstention.

The minutes of March 14, 2016, were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Smith and seconded by Shippee-Rice. All five (5) votes were in the affirmative.

(Note: Demeritt will contact Michael Seraikas re: a document from previous owner of the property in agreement with the Town of Nottingham, for Map 20, Lot 7 on Gravel Pit Road, that the property cannot be further subdivided beyond the one additional house lot, the application of which is presently before the Planning Board.)

The minutes of March 21, 2016, were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Smith and seconded by Shippee-Rice. All five (5) votes were in favor.

Master Plan Action Items: In preparation for the joint meeting with the Planning Board (PB) on May 25, the Commission reviewed the thirteen (13) items that were selected at a previous meeting to be prioritized by each member prior to the next Commission meeting. In addition, the culvert design recommended by NH Fish and Game, which Lamb brought to the BOS last year, would be an additional item on the list. Mooney will resend the action item list to Commission members before the next meeting. Mooney will then bring the prioritized list to the PB meeting on May 11.

Pawtuckaway Woods Fernald Conservation Easement: Miliotis is moving forward to inventory avian and wetland invertebrate species of interest that could be present and successfully breeding on the property. He has contacted Tom Howe of the Forest Society in order to receive permission from the Fernalds for this activity on their property.

Roadside Cleanup: Four times a year, the Commission participates in the DOT's Adopt a Highway program. The first one for 2106 is scheduled for May 4, commencing at 8:30 AM. Demeritt will pick up the bags, vests and signs from the DOT.

Terninko Properties: Demeritt stated that John Terninko reviewed parcels that he wishes to place in conservation easements in addition to the easements he already has on some of his land. One of the additional parcels is 15 +/- acres of farmland he wants to protect.

(Note: Smith left the meeting at 8:21 PM.)

Correspondence:

- Dated 3-18-16, "Complete Forestry Notification", from DES, File # 2016-00685, Map 72, Lot 13-A, for Erica and Joseph Filippone, 112 Mountain Road.
- Dated 4-4-16, "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification", File # 2016-00845, Map 31, Lot 10, for Donna Atwood, 326 Stage Road, that the "Notice is sufficient to begin work".

- Dated 3-29-16, From DES, File# 2016-00711, a “request for more information”, Map 20, Lot 7, Winter Street, for Gravel Pit Road Reality LLC, Paul Cucinatti on Gravel Pit Road (See Note above following March 14 minutes.)
- Intent to Cut, Map 69, Lot 24-8, Dolloff Dam Road. Of 6.86 acres, to cut 3000 board feet. It was noted that the cutting had already occurred a couple of months prior to the date of the Intent to Cut application to the town. Please see the Commission minutes of 2-18-16 for additional information. The Commission is seeking more information as to whether there were previous wetland violations in this area.
- Intent to Cut, Map 72, Lot 13A, Mooers Road. Of 24 acres, to cut 20.
- Map 44, Lot 14, Flutter Street. Of 17 acres, to cut 14.
- Intent to Cut, Map 69, Lot 10, Raymond Road. Of 63 acres, to cut 5.
- Intent to Cut, Map 31, Lot 10-3, 326 Stage Road. Of 72 acres, to cut 55.
- Received from the Town of Exeter, an invitation to attend a program at Exeter High School, “Healthy Lawns, Clean Water”. The program will be held on May 4 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. The program is free for all attendees.
- “Supply Lines with the Source”, a newsletter from the NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau. The lead article is “ State grants to help protect water sheds for public water supplies”.

Saving Special Places. Krystal Costa attended the annual conference for land conservation hosted by UNH Cooperative Extension and supported by many conference partners. The all day program featured keynote speakers and workshops to provide updates and resources for municipalities on conservation issues.

Other: Kotowski mentioned a parcel of about 140 acres that fronts Pawtuckaway Lake in the south part of Nottingham. She was wondering if SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) was aware of this parcel which would be a good candidate for easement protection.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Miliotis to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary.

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on May 9, 2016.

