

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Liz Kotowski, Susan Mooney, and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, for Cheryl Smith.

For the record, Elizabeth Kotowski's appointment will end in 2021, as she will be filling out Paul Miliotis' full member's three-year term and Krystal Costa will be completing the two years remaining in Raelene Shippee-Rice's appointment ending in 2020.

Announcements: A town-wide roadside litter pickup was scheduled for the week of May 13. Demeritt read the directions for the benefit of the home audience. Fliers were posted in the community, announcements appeared on local Facebook pages of the Commission, Blaisdell Memorial Library (BML) and the Recreation Department. Litterbags were distributed at the Commission's Earth Day, May 12, and were also available at the Business Office and at BML. Commission members will be at the recycling center, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to count bags and sort recyclables for disposal.

Conservation Easements (CE): No new information at this time.

Trails Committee Report: Kotowski reported that many folks stopped by the Commission's Earth Day booth on May 12. Most visitors took copies of the trail maps and located where the trails are located on the large format natural cover map on display. Several residents volunteered for trail work; Kotowski kept a list of names and contact information.

Mooney and committee member Celia Abrams recently walked the Kennard parcel to post medallions at the roadside and in the trail network to indicate where the main trail forks. Abrams took GPS points.

The Merriam-Daggett and Tasker Forestry Management Plans have been completed. Forester Charlie Moreno worked with Mark West, and the Committee's potential trail designs to determine what would be satisfactory to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the easement holders for the parcels. It might be possible to schedule a walk with Mr. Moreno.

Naomi Houle is the contact person at the Forest Society for Pawtuckaway Woods and Mulligan Forest. There will be a public walk on the Mulligan easement parcel on August 1.

The Terninko 107-acre CE has been flagged to reconfigure a portion of a trail so that it will no longer extend onto an abutter's property.

Binders for trail maps for the Recreation Department and BML are in the process of being assembled. Kotowski is working closely with Dawn Calley-Murdough at the business office to post trail maps online.

Initial contact was made for including the General Bartlett Forest in the trail map portfolio. The NE Forestry Association owns and manages the forest. The Kennard property map showing the October 2017 survey does not correctly match the town's property map. It was requested that Demeritt secure a crisp copy of the survey map for the business office. Kotowski will bring receipts for expenses to the next meeting in order to be reimbursed.

Nottingham Earth Day Report: Earth Day was held on Saturday, May 12. There were two major themes, the trails initiative on public and private lands that permit public access and the Litter Free NH campaign to sponsor a weeklong roadside trash cleanup. Proceeds from the Recreation Department's silent auction will be donated to the Commission for its use. Kristen Lamb gave a wildlife presentation in the school gym titled, "Raptors, Reptiles, and Mammals, Natural Wildlife of Nottingham, their ecology and Benefits to Humans". Demeritt hosted the BPRG booth adjacent to the Commission's and Krystal Costa was at the NH Lakes Association booth. Kotowski, Abrams, and Mooney attended the Commissions booth. Jon Balanoff, Trails Committee, assisted with gathering tent, tables, maps, etc., from the town office building and with set up. Mark West, resident, was available to lead a wetlands walk on the school property. (Please see additional above related information for Earth Day.)

Lamprey River Watershed Association: The meeting was cancelled due to a water leak in the building.

Bat Monitoring: Kotowski and Abrams have been in touch with Suzanne Peterson who is setting up an acoustic monitoring program in the Lamprey River watershed area to determine species and numbers of bats that use this riverine habitat. A list of possible locations in Nottingham is being compiled for this study.

BPRG Report: The 3rd "Breakfast in the Barn" fundraiser netted over \$41,000 including the \$3500 sponsorships for the meal.

DOT Adopt a Highway: Commission members will participate in trash pickup along a mile each of Routes 152 and 156 on May 21, starting at 8:30 AM.

Correspondence:

- Dated 4-25-18, A Complete Forestry Notification to Christine and Philip Amazeen, 171 Stage Road, File #2018-01161, Map 37, Lot 17, from Land Resources Management, "Notice is sufficient to start work" as long as five conditions are met.
- Dated 5-4-18, to Calvin Diessner 221 Stage Road, Map 29, Lot 16, of 0.81 acres, File # 2018-01123 from Preston Samuel, Project Review Subcommittee from lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC), cc-ed to Tracie Sales, NH DES, a letter stating that a project is within the quarter mile of the North River and is

subject to a review by LRAC. Comments in the letter, in part, include that the proponent wants to clear including 5000 square feet of woods to construct a new home with septic system. The clearing will occur within the shoreland zone of the North River. It does not appear that the proposed work will alter resource values of the North River designated under RSA 483.

- Dated 5-4-18, to Gino Infascelli of NH Wetlands Board (sic) from Ralph Sanders Maintenance Supervisor, DOT a notification to replace a 24-inch culvert on Route 152.
- Dated 5-8-18, a similar letter as above, to replace an 18-inch culvert, also located along Route 152.
- And a third letter dated 5-9-18, to replace another 18-inch culvert on Route 152.

Note: Kotowski announced that the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) would be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, May 19, 2018 in the Community Center gym.

Correspondence Continued: Dated 5-10-18, to C. Eric Farriss, Epping, from David Price, East Region Inspector NH DES Land Resources Management Program, File # 2016-02649, for 9 Snowflake Lane, Map 1, Lot 179, that a complaint with photo was received of possible violations on the property. There was excavation along the shore without a permit or proper authorization from DES. Within 20 days of the date of this letter, provide comments in writing; submit copies of permits, plans, or other information. The case has been added to the scheduled inspection list.

Election of Officers: It was moved by Kotowski and seconded by Shippee-Rice to elect the sitting slate of officers for another year. All five (5) votes were in the affirmative. The officers are Samuel Demeritt - Chairperson; Debra Kimball - Vice Chairperson; Susan Mooney - Secretary.

Note: Kimball left the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 9, 2018 were reviewed and corrected. Shippee-Rice moved to correct these minutes are corrected. Kotowski seconded the motion. All four (4) votes were in favor.

A special meeting to review the Commission's *By-Laws and Rules of Procedure* and the *Strategic Plan* was scheduled for June 5 at 6:30 PM.

Mooney moved to adjourn. A second was received from Shippee-Rice. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as edited at the meeting held on July 9, 2019.