

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. Other members in attendance were Paul Miliotis, Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, and Liz Kotowski, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb. Debra Kimball arrived at 7:09, and Raelene Shippee-Rice arrived at 7:14, along with Dr. Dale Rice, guest.

Guest was Jane Woodward, resident.

Announcements: The Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) has a new executive director, Christos Tsiamis. Dawn Genes recently resigned from this post that she had occupied for several years.

Conservation Easements: There are three easements in progress at this time – Kennard, on Kennard Road, Terninko on Case Road and Shippee-Rice on Garland Road. There was a review of the vote taken on May 8, 2017, that directed Conservation Fund monies for these three projects. Smith has gathered information to update the Commission's conservation easement spreadsheet that will include the completed 2016 projects and the current 2017 projects in anticipation for the meeting with the Select Board on June 19.

(Note: Demeritt, Smith, Kotowski, and Mooney attended this meeting. Both agencies were satisfied with the discussions.)

River Water Testing: Kimball updated the members on the water testing schedule and how the new turbidity meter is maintained. The Commission is pleased that there are two new volunteers from the community for this activity. Data collected under the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) is sent to DES where data from all over the state is compiled.

Roadside Cleanup: The next scheduled date for trash pickup along one mile of roadway each for Routes 152 and 156 will be on Tuesday, June 27, beginning at 8:30 AM. Demeritt, Kotowski, Mooney and Shippee-Rice indicated that they would be available, and Kotowski will contact a volunteer who is interested in assisting.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) land trust: Demeritt reported that a reception for major donors was held on June 10, from 7 to 9 PM.

Minutes: The minutes for May 16, 2017, were reviewed. Shippee-Rice moved that the minutes be accepted as read, seconded by Kotowski. It was noted that there was an edit needed. A new motion was made by Mooney to accept the minutes as corrected; Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried with seven (7) votes in the affirmative.

Correspondence: Dated 5-26-17 from Dori A. Wiggin, East Region Supervisor, DES, cc-ed to the Commission, to Greg Stratis, Shea Concrete Products of Londonderry, File # 2017-00702. Map 3, Lots 2-2 & 2-1, a request for more information. Information on three items was requested: (1) "Demonstrate Need, Avoidance and Minimization/Least Impacting Alternative", (2) Comments from the NH Natural Heritage Bureau, (3) a response to the comments received from the Nottingham Conservation Commission. DES requests that this information be provided no later than 60 days from the date of the request (5-26-17).

Marston Project: The Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) is one of the organizations that comments wetland projects for the region for DES. The LRAC Projects Review Subcommittee, chaired by Preston Samuel, has forwarded comments about alteration of terrain re: the proposed Marston project located on West Mill Pond Road. It was noted that the Select Board had not received a copy of this correspondence, dated 5-4-17. Demeritt will look into this.

Lakes Congress: Kotowski attended this annual two-day event that was held in Meredith on June 2 and 3 this year. She sat in on three sessions: dirt roads; cyanobacteria; and herbicide use for invasive aquatic plants. There is newly developed chemical that specifically targets variable milfoil (*Procella sp.*). Its use may be approved by the EPA by this fall. UNH Cooperative Extension has developed a new app. for smart phones that allows people to photograph and report algal blooms in the field in real time.

Dirt Road Work: Responding to recent emails and photos shared among Planning Board Transportation Subcommittee and Conservation members, Miliotis reported that similar maintenance on Stevens Hill Road in which the road was significantly widened in several areas, boulders were pushed back, large trees had been scarred by road equipment, and dirt was either pushed up against trees or the road height was cut down right next to standing trees. The Commission discussed road maintenance noted the last couple of years, including Berry and Garland Roads. The spreading of Japanese Knotweed has been significant. Mooney will bring these concerns to the next subcommittee meeting to be held on June 21.

Dumpsters at the Recycling Facility: Kimball will follow up on the issue of covers for the large dumpsters so lightweight items such as Styrofoam will not continue to be blown into the wetland (along the North River corridor).

Other: Kotowski will forward a link to all of us - A PDF entitled "A Ditch in Time". Demeritt will contact Jesse Carlson re: a Dark Skies presentation for the Planning Board. Mooney will contact Mark West, wetland scientist, to provide a tutorial for Commission members for reviewing wetland applications on July 10.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to adjourn. All seven (7) 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 July 10, 2017.