

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Liz Kotowski, Alternate, who was seated for Debra Kimball. Paul Miliotis arrived at 7:07; he has been sworn in as a full member of the Commission (NCC).

Guests were Dr. Dale Rice and Jim Salge, both residents of Nottingham.

Introductions were made.

Announcements: Demeritt signed the Sweetser Conservation Easement deed on behalf of the Town of Nottingham on August 5, 2016. The property is located on Ledge Farm Road and it has significant conservation value.

The invitations for the Fernald Conservation Easement celebration hosted by the Forest Society and the NCC have been sent out to people who supported the easement. It will be held at the Old Town Hall on August 28 in the afternoon.

Nottingham Family Day, September 17: Again this year, the NCC will have a booth with information of conservation issues for folks who stop by. Topics will include volunteer opportunities; information about Bear-Paw Regional Greenways; trail maps of the North River Preserve; data from the well water samples submitted to the State Labs last May, along with kits for residents to take home if they wish; the kick off of an anti-litter campaign for Nottingham. Mooney will ask April Bacon if she might help design a poster.

Road Side Clean Up #3: The next litter pick up is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, commencing at 8:30 AM. Possible volunteers are Mooney, Demeritt, Kotowski, Smith and Shippee-Rice.

VRAP River Quality Testing: The next sampling is scheduled for August 13 or thereabouts. As of 8-8-16, no one has signed up to work with Kimball. Demeritt will contact her for a possible Monday or Tuesday date.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of July 11, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as read. The motion was made by Smith and seconded by Miliotis. The motion passed with five (5) yeas and one (1) abstention.

Correspondence:

- The Business Office sent a copy of "Protecting Pawtuckaway Lake by Providing Buffer Zones" and suggested that the NCC update the pamphlet. The pamphlet is actually a publication of the PLIA. Kotowski will bring the pamphlet to the Board of Directors of the PLIA.
- An invitation was received from NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative (NHSFI) Implementation Committee to attend a forestry and saw mill

field day at Colby-Sawyer in New London on September 23 from 9 am to 4 pm. We all agreed that would be an interesting outing (but none of us indicated that he/she would attend).

- A program about NH Timber Harvesting sponsored by NH Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) will be held on August 23 from 4 to 8 pm at the public library in Bristol, NH. Topics will be Timber Tax Law, Timber Harvesting Law and Wetlands Regulations.

Other: Miliotis spoke about “The Messenger”, a documentary by filmmaker Sue Raynard. The program is about 1.5 hours long, and contains new data re: the perils that neo-tropical migrants face during their semi annual migrations. The film also contains stunning new clips of birds in flight. Miliotis has spoken with Eric Stern, Librarian, about the library and the NCC hosting a partial public showing of selected segments of the documentary, to include a discussion with members of the viewing audience. Lamb has also said that she would team up with Miliotis for this outreach program. As of 8-8-16, a date and details are yet to be determined. Smith suggested that the Red River Theatre in Concord would be a good venue for the documentary as well.

Following was a discussion about bat populations in Nottingham. Two members reported seeing remarkable numbers of bats at their residences this summer.

Reminder: The NCC will be joining the Planning Board on August 10 to continue our discussions about Master Plan topics of mutual interest to both of our groups.

Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mooney voiced a second to that motion. All six (6) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on September 12, 2016.