

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:08 PM. Other members in attendance were Kristen Lamb, Susan Mooney, Liz Kotowski, and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, who was seated for Debra Kimball. Guests were Dan Kern, Executive Director for Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG); Katrina Amaral, Land Protection and Stewardship Specialist, BPRG; and Kyle Pimental, Principal Regional Planner, Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC).

Announcements: The office for BPRG has recently moved to a new location – 64 Pinewood (Route 28), a business park in the Allenstown section of Suncook.

Conservation Easement Projects: Dan Kern introduced Katrina Amaral, the new BPRG Land Protection Specialist. Kern stated that the final documents for the Kennard and Rice/ Shippee-Rice properties are completed, as are baseline documentation reports for Terninko and Kennard. Shippee-Rice was given a copy for their personal records. The Kennard and Shippee-Rice hard copies were handed to Demeritt for the Commission's files. A date will be set with Town Administrator Chris Sterndale for the signing/closing. Kern will send electronic copies to Mooney who will forward to Commission members for final review and comment.

Note: Kern and Amaral left at about 7:30 PM.

Local River Protections Initiative: (Note: Nottingham has no local protections for smaller streams, from first order (1^o), a single source stream, through a third (3^o) order stream, a larger stream/river formed by confluence of several smaller streams. The state's Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, Chapter 483-B, protects fourth order streams. There are building codes in Nottingham's regulations that address setbacks for structures according to soil types, but the regulations do not offer any shoreline buffer protection beyond this.)

Kotowski and Mooney spoke with Mr. Pimental at the recent SRPC Annual meeting where we briefly discussed our interest in pursuing the Master Plan Action Item to address local protections for lower order streams in our community. Mr. Pimental was then invited to attend a Commission meeting during which he could offer advice and assistance for this initiative. Mr. Pimental brought a large format map of rivers, streams and lakes of 10 acres or more, with different order streams distinguished by different colors. He also distributed two handouts; one listed communities in the state that had protective buffers for their streams and rivers and the other was *NH DES Consolidated List of Waterbodies Subject to RSA 483-B*. He also had one hard copy of 2.6 Shoreland Protection: The Importance of Riparian Buffers, from Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques; A Handbook for Sustainable Development, printed in 2008, and available online from DES.

Questions from members for Mr. Pimental included "Are there special rules for logging?" "What is a "disturbance"?" Are there different regulations for different

activities?" Discussion about avenues and topics for community outreach was also discussed. The commission will determine a scope of work for SRPC to determine the cost of their assistance and this will, in turn, be presented to the Planning Board, because this initiative ultimately falls under their purview. Area communities' river protection regulations will be reviewed. Other discussions included the following: naming some of the unnamed streams and flowages in our town might be a future activity for the residents to participate in; who will write the warrant article; outreach activities; what type of mapping services are available; appropriate for an overlay district in the warrant article; in warrant article, include DES determinations, if necessary, to determine where a stream actually begins; violations and penalties to be stated in the regulations.

The Commission will research and discuss these matters at a future meeting. Mr. Pimental left at 8:12 PM.

Note: Shippee-Rice left at 8:16 PM.

Trails Committee (TC) Report: Kotowski, Chair of the Trails Committee, stated that Colin Lentz, the Transportation manager at SRPC, was the guest speaker at the last meeting. SRPC assistance with trail projects would require a fee if the Commission is contracted. The TC held a walk on the town property behind the ball field at the town office complex. The trail was developed in part as an eagle scout project and for the most part follows an old town road along the North River in the direction of McCrillis Road. On July 1, Naomi Houle of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests led a public walk at Mulligan Forest. The walk was well attended. Kotowski and her husband were the only participants from Nottingham. Houle will send Kotowski the map files for the kiosk at the entrance to the easement property. The Commission will then be able to print the map onto a material called dibond, is a combination of metal and plastic that is weather resistant. The Compatible Use Authorization (CUA) still needs to be completed and approved by Natural Resources Conservation Service before formal trail construction can begin at Marsh Woods (Merriam Daggett and Tasker properties).

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): Demeritt stated that there was a meeting held today (8-13-18). There is an effort to update the water quality and monitoring effort along the watershed. There are approximately twelve (12) testing sites total and some sites are untested due to a lack of volunteers. The LRWA is looking for a part time executive director, 20 to 25 hours a week. The next newsletter is due out before the October Annual Meeting.

Correspondence:

- Dated 8-8-18, from David Price, East Region Inspector, NH DES Land Resources Management Program, to C. Eric Farriss, Nottingham Road, Epping, for property identified as Map 1, Lot 179 on 9 Snow Lane, DES File # 2016-02649, correspondence regarding the repair and replacement of a wall that was not

included in the original application. Instruction was given as how to amend the application. Three (3) specific actions were outlined to be completed by 10-7-18, and that erosion and sediment controls were to be installed immediately. No further work related activity shall be done until approval from NH DES.

- For 8-8-18, from Nottingham Land Use Clerk, a public hearing announcement for 259 Stage Road, Map 20, Lot 1 during the Planning Board meeting. (Note: Demeritt and Mooney met with Mr. Cole, property owner on 8-6-18 to review wetland concerns because of the location of the property along the North River and wetlands complex.)

Minutes: The minutes for July 9, 2018 were reviewed and edited. Lamb moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Kotowski seconded the motion. All four (4) votes were in favor.

Other: The Commission decided to hold a workshop meeting on August 27, 2018, to commence at 8:00 AM. Agenda items will be to work on the local river protections initiative and to update a current conservation easement project. The meeting will be noticed (posted).

It was moved by Mooney to adjourn the meeting. Kotowski seconded the motion. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on September 10, 2018.