

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Other members in attendance were Raelene Shippee-Rice, Susan Mooney, Liz Kotowski, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb and Deb Kimball, arrived at 7:10 PM. Guests were Dr. Dale Rice, resident, Jane Woodward, resident, John Terninko, resident and Dan Kern, Executive Director Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG).

Conservation Easement Projects: Mr. Kern spoke to the Commission about the potential Kennard conservation easement (CE). The property is owned by the town of Nottingham and is located on Kennard Road. Members reviewed the draft of the CE and the survey map and found everything in order. Mr. Kern will send the documents to the Select Board (SB) and the Business Office for review.

Mr. Kern reported that the Shippee-Rice/ Rice CE draft deed is in progress.

He also noted that Mr. Terninko's CE deed would take a little while since it is a bit more complicated. Mr. Kern handed out the draft for the Terninko CE for members to review before the next meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Kern stated that a payment schedule would need to be settled prior to the public hearing for these potential CEs.

Mr. Kern left the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Note: Cheryl Smith, member, arrived at 7:22 PM.

Mr. Terninko discussed the Stone House Pond and Forest property located in Barrington, NH. This 1500-acre parcel is expected to be placed into a CE in the near future through a partnership among the town of Barrington, SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) and others. Mr. Terninko noted that the former USA Springs property (Map 3, Lot 10) now belonging to the town, abuts this area and some sort of easement protection could be an interesting thing for Nottingham to consider in the future.

Road Side Litter Cleanup Report: Demeritt stated that Route 152 litter was picked up on two dates, 9-6-17 and 9-7-17 and then again on 9-14, from Nottingham Square north to the Community Church. Kimball will pick up the remainder of Route 156 down to the north terminus.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): The LRWA will hold a meeting on September 11. A survey was sent to the fourteen towns in the watershed asking about concerns and suggested uses. The annual meeting is scheduled for October 27, at 6:00 PM at the grange hall in Lee.

Trail Projects: The next excursion to investigate a potential trail system connecting the Merriam Daggett (MD), town recycling (TR) and Tasker properties was scheduled for September 25, commencing at 9:00 AM. Other potential dates are October 2, 3, and 4.

Mooney will contact Celia Abrams and Leanne Gast, community volunteers. (Note #1: Mooney and Abrams walked into the MD property from Freeman Hall just northeast from the TR entrance. From there they walked to the Tasker property and then exited through the TR. Abrams submitted a report with maps now placed in the project folder.) Note #2: Commission members and Gast walked these properties on October 3, 2017. Because there was a quorum of Commission members, minutes were recorded for this walk.

Correspondence:

- The NH Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Owned Land Certification Field Day will be held on September 22, 2017 in Lancaster, NH.
- From DES, a Shoreland Impact Permit approval, dated 8-23-17, #2016-02649, to Eric Farriss, of Epping NH for property located at 9 Snow Lane, Nottingham, Map 1, Lot 179, Nottingham to impact 1654 sq. ft. to reconfigure a driveway and parking area and to construct a garage. This permit is subject to 14 site-specific conditions and seven (7) general conditions.
- Received, Great Bay Matters, a publication from the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Fall 2017. Articles include salt marsh sparrows, other wetland bird species, osprey and other shorter articles.
- The NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual (NHACC) Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 in Pembroke, NH. At least one Commission member is intending to attend.

Minutes: The minutes of August 14, 2017 were reviewed and edited. Kotowski moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Shippee-Rice. The minutes were accepted by a vote of five (5) yeas and one (1) abstention.

Announcements:

- Household Hazardous Waste Day for Nottingham residents will be held in Raymond on October 7, 2017.
- The last issue of the Nottingham Newsletter had incorrect information in the Commission's news about a Dark Skies presentation for the Planning Board that, in fact, did not occur.
- A Regional Training Session Site Plan Review workshop will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 1 to 3:00 PM at the Kingston Community Library. The free workshop is sponsored by the NHACC, Kingston Conservation Commission and others and is open to all land use boards across the state. At least one Commission member is intending to attend.

Turtle Signs: Turtle signs should be displayed from May 1 through the end of September. During the offseason, they should be flipped down and secured.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to adjourn. All six (6) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary.

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on November 13, 2017.