Conservation Commission Minutes

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:15 PM in Conference Room #1. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Liz Kotowski and Debra Kimball. Guests were Ronald (Ron) Zabloudil, Jenn Spagna, Mike Spagna, and Mark West, all residents of Nottingham.

**Announcements:** The Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) will hold its Annual Meeting on November 8 at 6 PM in the multipurpose room in the Town Office Building. The NH Association of Conservation Commission's (NHACC) Annual Meeting will be held at Pembroke Academy on Saturday, November 3, registration at 8:30 AM.

**Wetland Application.** On behalf of Mr. Zabloudil, Mr. West presented a wetland application that would impact a wetland crossing on a lot (Map 51, Lot 5-1), owned by Mr. and Mrs. Spagna) that provides an "easement by passage" to access an abutting lot (Map 51, Lot 5-2, owned by Mr. Zabloudil). The properties are located on Stevens Hill Road and the wetland is associated with Back Creek. Mr. West's intent was to file for a Minimum Expedited permit because the wetland impact would not exceed 3000 square feet. There was discussion that a stone ford would impact 5800 square feet in order to "improve" the woods road to 10 feet wide so that firewood for personal use could be taken out by a motorized vehicle. Both parties had input and it was decided that Mr. West and the interested parties would continue to find compromise and return at a later date. All four people left at 7:38 PM.

**Easement Monitoring:** The following volunteer assignments (on behalf of the town who holds easement deeds on several properties in Nottingham) for annual easement monitoring are as follows. Friend Family: Kimball and Kotowski, date TBD;

<u>Highlands</u>, 19 properties, with deed restrictions, Demeritt and Mooney. Letter of notice to precede monitoring. Monitoring will commence on November 8 and continue for an eight (8) day period; <u>Kimball Family Forest</u>: Celia Abrams represented the Commission and monitored the 21-acre property on September 10 with a representative of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG). Mooney will resend the monitoring report to Commission members;

<u>Mendums East and West</u>: Mooney will take the lead and contact the Mendum's Landing Association. Date is October 27 and is best accomplished by four people. Volunteers are Kimball, Demeritt and Mooney;

<u>Terninko</u>, two properties, 107 acres and 15 acres (new, 2018): Mooney will ask Abrams to take the lead on this assignment and ask for additional volunteer assistance.

**Highway Cleanup**: Adopt a Highway for the one mile each sections of Routes 152 and 156 is scheduled for Sunday, October 21 from 2 PM to 4 PM. Kristen Lamb will make fliers to post and post on the Commission's Facebook Page asking residents to volunteer for sections of Route 152, Stage Road, up to the Northwood town line. Mooney will distribute trash bags at three locations and post the fliers.

**Reimbursement**: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to reimburse Kotowski \$20 for twenty (20) reacher-grabbers for highway cleanup. All four (4) votes were in the affirmative.

**Trails Committee (TC) Report**: Kotowski summarized the meeting held on Thursday October 4. Matt Kouchoukos and Donna Danis discussed the Marston Property project along West Mill Pond Road. They presented engineering designs for various recreational activities. There was no information re: a trails system as of yet, however a handicap accessible trail has been proposed, with possible assistance from UNH.

October 13 was a workday at the William E. Kennard Forest. Abrams and Jon Balanoff walked the entire boundary and marked locations with GPS. Mark LeFebvre cut blow downs along the proposed trails with a chain saw. Thought has been given to a second possible new trail loop.

Another work date is scheduled for October 20 on Marsh Woods.

On October 12, Kotowski walked with Naomi Houle who represents the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) on the Helen Fernald property known as Pawtuckaway Woods. They proposed a trail connecting from Pawtuckaway State Park in the Fundy Landing area connecting to a proposed trail in Pawtuckaway Woods.

**Minutes:** The minutes for September 10, 2018 were reviewed and corrected. It was moved by Kotowski and seconded by Kimball to accept the minutes of September 20, 2018 as corrected. All four (4) votes were in the affirmative.

## **Correspondence:**

- Date of approval, 9-7-18; Shoreland Impact Permit for 41 Shore Drive, Map 68, Lot 46, owned by Laurie and Stephen Nickerson of Hampton NH, Permit #2018-02112, to impact 5230 square feet of wetland in order to raze and replace the house, well and dry well. There were nineteen (19) specific conditions and seven (7) general conditions noted in the permit.
- Several Intents to Cut: Map 20, Lot 7, Gravel Pit Road, of 70.2 acres, to cut 50; Map 61, Lot 16, Deerfield Road, 40 acres, to cut not noted; Map 39, Lot 26 & Map 42, Lot 1, McCrillis, a total of 55 acres, to cut 48+/-; Map 31, Lot 10-3, Stage Road, of 72.61 acres, to cut 50.
- From NHACC :received an invoice for annual dues, \$325.00.

**Commission Budget, 2019**: Members reviewed last year's budget and made recommendations for 2019 to include funding for the trails committee. It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kotowski to approve the proposed budget of \$2240 for 2019. All four (4) votes were in the affirmative.

Additional Meeting: There was a scheduled Commission workshop meeting on October 1, 2018 at 8 AM in the Town Office Building. (A quorum was not reached at the October 1 meeting.) The Planning Board requested that the Commission draft a stream protection ordinance to address an action item listed in the Natural Resources chapter of the Town's 2012 Master Plan. Lamb had written up the first draft of this proposed ordinance that would provide protections for our local streams and rivers. Subsequently, Kotowski, Demeritt and Mooney submitted edits to the document. (Mooney and Demeritt composed Draft #5 of the Nottingham Stream protection ordinance to be reviewed by the Planning Board meeting on October 10, 2018.)

**Other Business**: the Master Plan Update Committee has asked that Commission members review Chapters 2 and 3 of the 2012 Master Plan and send along suggestions for the next Master Plan Committee meeting scheduled for November 13. This agenda item will be taken up at an upcoming Commission meeting.

(Note: Kimball left at 9:10 PM.)

Mooney will contact the Select Board Office to post the agenda for the workshop meeting.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kotowski to adjourn. All three (3) votes were in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

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