

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. Other members in attendance were Paul Miliotis, Debra Kimball, and Liz Kotowski, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb.

Guests were Christian Matthews, a GIS specialist for Rockingham Planning( RPC )and is interested in helping with trail mapping but is unable to make any future meetings on Mondays.

Also in attendance Residents Celia Abrams, John Terninko, and Dan Kern from Bear Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) land trust.

**Announcements:** The Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) annual meeting and dinner at the Lee Town Grange this coming Friday October 20th. Volunteer river testers can go at no cost, dinner at 6:30 and program at 7pm.

Demeritt reminded us of the Annual Meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) on November 4, 2017.

Demeritt also reminded us of the Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) Annual Meeting to be held at the end of October.

### **Easements:**

Dan Kern discussed all the pending easements with the attendees.

There are three easements in progress at this time.

**Terninko property** – 15 acres the NRCS WRP easements, 15 acres adjusted on the northern corner of property- town is grantee (easement holder) Mr. John Terninko being grantor. There is no executory interest on this easement. Estimated cost of the Terninko survey is \$ **7950**.

Easement deed: Agriculture and forestry would be allowed, allow a camping site on property, all the typical provisions are in the easement. Mr. Terninko stated when all is done he will have over 200 acres in conservation easements. Mr. Kern stated the survey has been done- once all set they will proceed with closing. Mr. Terninko is all set with what is in easement. Any trails that are planned - the town should check to see that they are in compliance with all wetland and other laws set forth. Mr. Kern mentioned there are just general terms in easement to protect wildlife species. There was a discussion about specifics of the language of the easement concerning permitted and non permitted activities. BPRG will do the baseline report, easement deed, and help arrange for closing. Demeritt will forward the document to the town administrator who will forward the document to the town attorney.

**Rice and Shippee- Rice** – BPRG will be the easement holder and the town will hold the executory interest.

Survey has been done. The easement deed language was drafted with owners Dale Rice and Raelene Shippee-Rice as trustees of land; abuts other conservation land and undeveloped frontage on the North River, 500 feet. Survey – most of frontage includes the two acre house lot. Property 8.55 acres in easement. This property adds to Four Generals Greenway.

Demeritt will follow up on the requirement for holding a single hearing for both the Terninko and Shippee-Rice properties .

**Kennard** -- Town owns the property and BPRG will be the easement holder; there will be no executory interest on this one. Survey can be recorded as is. Town needs to approve conservation easement at Town Meeting. Approximately five (5) or so years ago Ronald Kennard approached BPRG about the property and wanted it to go into conservation to the town. The town attorney recommends it be brought to Town Meeting out of legal concerns. BPRG submitted an invoice to get paid for the survey and administrative tasks.

Mr. Kern mentioned properties should be submitted to GRANIT (conservation lands layer) to be included in the database.

#### **Annual Budget -**

Postage – 30

Printing - 20

Dues- 560 (BPRG – 100, LRWA – 100, NHACC-330, NHANRS(NH Assoc of Natural Resource Scientists) - 30)

Conferences – 500

Publications- 50

Mapping -200

River sign maintenance- 230

Trail development- 150

Office supplies- 30

Equipment- 30

Mileage- 100

Water testing- 100

Total = ~\$2000.

#### **Trails Committee**

Guest Christian Matthews talked about trail mapping and helping out – we will form a trails committee and will notify folks of a date. Mr. Matthews gave us great details on what we can do for mapping and how he can help. We need GPS data for the trails. He is willing to help and is interested in being on the trails committee.

## **Easement Monitoring**

**–Wear Orange for easements Nov 8<sup>th</sup> to Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Easements to cover this fall**

Mendums - EAST and WEST – Demeritt and Mooney, Kimball and Kotowski and Shippe-Rice (December)

Friend – November -11-4--Kimball and Celia Abrams (volunteer)

Terninko--- Abrams and Kotowski November

Highlands – Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - Demeritt and Mooney

Kimball- - Lamb

## **Correspondence:**

Intent to Cut Map 28 Lot 9 Gile Road 43.9 acres and cutting 5 acres

Post card – Writing of a possible 50 foot conservation easement encroachment – O’Brien Drive--This is in Francesca Way off Anna Lisa – O’Brien. UPDATE- The town manager stated that this is a homeowners association matter, and it is believed RCCD has the monitoring rights.

The Commission (NCC) cannot do anything regarding this matter.

Lot line adjustment-- West side of Smoke Street Rose Realty LLC – south of the new four house subdivision – near Little River Road – near gravel pit--lot line adjustment. There was a question of the reason for this lot line adjustment- it was left as is until we get further information.

Demeritt and Miliotis are up for new terms. Demeritt stated he notified the town office of updating the website for updating the NCC member terms. Miliotis is considering being an alternate.

**River Water Testing:** Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) data sheets were all sent to DES where data from all over the state is compiled. All will be uploaded to their website.

**Roadside Cleanup:** We decided to end it for this year, three clean ups were done as the State DOT did a scraping of the road sides on Route 152. Kimball will pick up Route 156.

**Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) land trust:** no information

**Minutes:** No minutes were done as Mooney was out sick.

**Other:**

Kotowski had gone to a bridge building workshop in Bow- it had a \$25 fee to attend. Kimball made a motion to expend necessary workshop costs for Kotowski and possibly one other to go, Demeritt seconded it – all four (4) in favor of motion.

It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Kotowski to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kimball (with help from Liz Kotowski)

This is a draft document. These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on February 12, 2018.