

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Paul Miliotis, Susan Mooney, Liz Kotowski, Alternate, who was seated for Cheryl Smith and Krystal Costa, Alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb.

Guests were Matt Bergeron of Brentwood; Sarah Chapman and Jim Salge, both residents of Nottingham.

Wetland Application: The Bergerons have recently purchased property located on 8 Cahill Lane, Map 68, Lot 49-1, on Pawtuckaway Lake. Mr. Bergeron had a wetland application for DES in order to secure a permit to restore a "beach area". He indicated that he had reviewed the state regulations and thus will deposit no more than 10 yards of sand covering no more than 900 square feet, in an area no longer than 50 feet parallel to the shoreline. He requested that the Commission visit the area, and if satisfied with the application, then endorse the document prior to posting to DES. The members agreed to visit the site on Saturday, 11-19-16 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Bergeron left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Conservation Easement Monitoring:

- **Highlands:** The Highlands 19 Deed restricted properties (except one) were monitored on Saturday 11-5-16 by Raelene Shippee-Rice, Sam Demeritt, Susan Mooney and volunteer Celia Abrams. The remaining property, located at 14 Patriots Lane, will be monitored on November 7, 2016, at which date the owner will be available to meet with the Commission members. Mooney reported that all seems to be in order with two exceptions. The property with the non-conforming shed still remains as it has been since it was built several years ago. Another property that abuts a critical wetland appears to show evidence that the vegetation continues to be cut short (2-3") to the ground within the restricted area in order to maintain a view of the wetland from the house. Abrams took photos and sent them along to the members. The photos were not available to review at this meeting so any decision will be postponed to the December meeting. Other recommendations were to add some boundary medallions to the corners and long straight stretches that lack them. In order to do so, a compass or GPS would be needed for accuracy.
- **Mendum's Landing Association:** These two properties were walked on October 27, commencing at 9:00 AM. Three members of the Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC) and one member of the Barrington Trails Committee joined Kotowski, Demeritt, Mooney and Abrams (volunteer). We met on Mendum's Landing Road and walked from the east property line that separates Barrington and Nottingham. Several

well-used paths branch off from the main trail. We all inspected the town line boulder where two Nottingham members and two Barrington members departed to walk the east line of "Mendum's West". At the western corner of the same parcel, the Nottingham and Barrington members separated and completed monitoring their own parcels. "Mendum's East" was monitored in the same way - two teams of two left the town line boulder and walked a short side and a longer side each. There were no apparent violations. The "Mendum's West" parcel continues to need better indications (blaze, medallions, tape) for boundaries along some stretches. Photos were taken for the file. There was some discussion that the Mendum's Landing Association (MLA) plans to have the easement areas and the recreation areas logged in the near future. The MLA will be contacting the Commission if this is to occur on the easement properties. Mooney wrote the summary report and sent copies to the BCC and MLA.

- **Kimball Family Forest:** Miliotis monitored this easement in October and a report was submitted. All was in order.
- **Friend Conservation Easement and Terninko Conservation Easement** will be monitored in the near future.

Roadside Cleanup: This activity is scheduled for December 5 at 8:30 AM, weather permitting.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC): Kotowski attended the November 12, Annual Meeting all day program and reported on three workshops: Conservation Commission 101, Land Conservation Step by Step and Mobile Mapping Software (using mobile phones). She found that all three were very informative and of significant conservation value to her.

Kotowski also told us about upcoming workshops: Trail Finder, Stewardship Network on November 30, 5:30 to 8:00 PM at the Audubon Center in Concord and again on December 8, from 1:00 to 3:30 PM; on December 14, UNH Cooperative Extension will be presenting an all day (8 AM to 3 PM) in Salisbury MA, entitled Forest Laws for Municipal Officials and Volunteers. There will be a half-day program offered as well, to end at 12:30 PM.

Kotowski indicated that there is an on-line guide to monitoring conservation easements on the Stewardship Network web site. It can be found at <http://newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org/how-monitor-conservation-easements-training-guide>

Statewide Buffer Survey: Demeritt reviewed a survey that asked what our local regulations are for wetland buffers. Kimball will research our local regulations in order to complete the survey.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Report: Please see previous month's minutes for events. Additional information is that the BPRG Annual Meeting will include a walk from the shore of Bow Lake to Bennett Island, a parcel that the land trust hopes to conserve. The walk will depend on the condition of the surface of the lake for a safe excursion. The featured speaker during the morning program will be Sam Evans Brown, an award-winning host of "Outside/In" on NHPR.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): Demeritt, Kotowski and volunteer Abrams attended the Annual Meeting held on October 21. This event is held after the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) water-testing season has ended. Nottingham has participated in this program for several years and NH watershed results are available on line at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vrap/lamprey/>

Little Bear Trail Update: Mooney reported that Nottingham School, Blaisdell Memorial Library (BML) and its supporting groups and the Recreation Department have all been contacted about this proposed activity. Volunteers have stepped forward and an initial meeting will be scheduled in January.

Minutes: The minutes of October 17, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as read. The motion was made by Kotowski, seconded by Miliotis and all six (6) votes were in the affirmative.

Correspondence:

- Received, Bear Paw Prints, the newsletter from BPRG land trust.
- Intent to Cut: Map 20, Lot 7, Gravel Pit Road off Kennard Road, of 70 acres, to cut 45.
- Dated 11-8-16, from David Price, East Region Inspector, DES Land Resources Management, to Elmer Lai, 111 Carriage Way, Carlisle MA 01741, for property located at 49 Shore Drive (Pawtuckaway Lake) Map 68, Lot 41, File # 2016 - 02726, a continuation of a complaint notice received by DES on 10-14-16. (Paraphrased): DES acknowledges two (2) valid permits to conduct work issued in 2013. Those permits allow dock work repair, replenishment of beach sand, installation of a patio, a four (4) foot wide sidewalk path, the installation of a gazebo, installation of deck steps, improvement of a path to the deck, the installation of filtration drains and the restoration of 162 feet of parking back to natural conditions. A fireplace structure was constructed without a permit. Please submit an After-the-Fact Shoreland Application.

Harvey Easement: A map for the Harvey Conservation Easement was received from SouthEast Land Trust (SELT). This map was in 14 separate

sheets with match points from sheet to sheet. Members were unable to reconstruct the entire map. Demeritt will contact Duane Hyde and ask if he could attend a future meeting to assist Commission members on this matter.

Dark Skies Presentation: Jesse Carlson, a senior at Plymouth State, has completed a program on night sky bleaching by lighting fixtures. Kotowski will contact his mother, Wendy Carlson, to arrange a preview for the Commission. This program may be appropriate to share with the Planning Board at a later date as they consider amendments to the town's Zoning ordinance in 2018 and also for an outreach program for the community as a whole.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update: Kotowski and Miliotis reported that there have been no reports of EAB in Nottingham to date. That is not to say that the pest is not in Nottingham, but that it has not been reported.

Two New Books Available at BML: Miliotis indicated that *Where Have All the Birds Gone?* By John Terborgh and *Peterson's Owls* by Scott Weidensaul are now available for take out at the library.

Adjournment: Kotowski moved that the meeting be adjourned. Kimball seconded the motion and all six (6) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on January 9, 2017.