Conservation Commission Minutes

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Other members in attendance were Liz Kotowski, Cheryl Smith and Susan Mooney.

Announcements: Volunteers for river testing received thank you gifts from the Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) at the Annual Meeting held on November 8 in the multipurpose room in the Nottingham Town Complex. Received were prints of a watercolor of the Lamprey River in Newmarket painted by John Hatch, UNH art professor now deceased. About twenty people attended the program. The Annual Meeting of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) is scheduled on Saturday, January 26, 2018, location TBA.

Potential gift: A residents who own a one-half acre of land, more or less, with about 120 feet of frontage on Pawtuckaway Lake, has indicated that they would be interested in donating the parcel to the Town of Nottingham. Demeritt will inquire further as to the status of the parcel. There is a question whether the recent Lot Line Adjustment has been filed yet at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Conservation Easement Monitoring Reports and Updates:

- Celia Abrams, volunteer, monitored the two easements that the town holds for Terninko properties on Case Road. Monitoring was done on October 31, November 2 and November 12. Abrams' summary was read to members in attendance and then placed into the Commission's files. Recommendations re: invasive species and other minor issues were noted. All was satisfactory.
- All members have received Abrams' monitoring report electronically for the Kimball Family Forest located along Freeman Hall. A hard copy was placed in the Commission's files.
- Mendum's Landing, East and West, along Old Turnpike Road, was done on October 30, 2018. Tom Daniels, representing the Mendums Landing Association, accompanied Demeritt and Mooney. All was in order. Mooney wrote the report and sent a copy to Mr. Daniels. The report was placed in the Commission's files.
- Mooney and Demeritt monitored the deed restrictions in the Highlands Subdivision located off Freeman Hall and Old Turnpike Road on November 13 and November 17. Of the nineteen properties with restrictions, one property exhibited recent violations of the deed. Photos were taken. A report was written and a copy of the report and photos were sent to the Select Board. Mooney will compose a letter to the residents, to be reviewed at the next Commission meeting.
- Friend Family: This property is located along Raymond Road and French Road. This easement monitoring will be done in the near future.

Trails Committee (TC) Report: Kotowski, Chair of the Committee, stated that a recent meeting was held on November 1, 2018.

There were trail work dates held on October 13 for the William E. Kennard Forest and October 20 in Marsh Woods. Additional flagging and clearing for potential trail routes were done.

On Saturday, November 17, members pulled out the old trash from the mill site in Marsh Woods. The trash was disposed at the town's recycling center.

Another workday is scheduled for Sunday, November 25, at 9:30 AM on the William E. Kennard Forest property.

Also on the TC's project list is the removal of the large limbs and blow downs that have fallen across trails on the town property behind the office-building complex. Kotowski stated that there might be a resource for topographic mapping for Kennard and possibly the other parcels.

The next TC meeting will be held on December 6, at 6:30.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting, November 3, 2018: Demeritt attended the all day program of speakers and workshops. The sessions he attended were "Setting up a Stewardship Program", "Beaver in NH, Changing Roles", and "Coyotes". Krystal Costa was a presenter for the NH Lakes Association.

LRWA: The Association has a new Executive Director, Ms. Chris Blackstone.

BPRG: Dan Kern, Executive Director, will send the final invoices for the Terninko, Shippee-Rice/Rice and Kennard conservation easement projects.

Correspondence: Dated 10-16-18, a Forestry Notification Permit from Land Resources Management DES: To James Garaufis, 159 Deerfield Road, Map 61, Lot 16, a back lot off Deerfield Road, permission to begin work provided that six (6) stated practices are followed. The Commission was previously sent an Intent to Cut for this parcel.

Minutes: The review of the October 15 minutes was rescheduled for the December meeting.

Adjournment: It was moved by Kotowski and seconded by Mooney to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

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