

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Liz Kotowski and Deb Kimball. Guest was Therese Thompson, resident and Nottingham's representative on the Lamprey River Advisory Committee.

**Announcements:** Condolences on the passing of Dr. Dale Rice were extended to Raelene Shippee-Rice, Conservation Commission member, and to her family and friends. Dr. Rice was a frequent attendee of Commission meetings for several years.

**Conservation Easement Monitoring Wrap Up:**

- Kimball monitored the Friend Family easement on December 9. She wrote a formal monitoring report, with photos, to place in the files. Kimball stated that the property was very wet due to the frequent rain events over the past several months. There were some sections of the boundary trail that were impassible. She observed two beaver lodges in the wetland. All appeared to be satisfactory.
- One of the nineteen properties in the Highlands residential subdivision exhibited deed restriction violations. Mooney wrote a letter to the property owners dated December 5, 2018. It was not mailed atsof 12/10/18.

It was moved by Kotowski and seconded by Kimball to deliver this said letter, accompanied by a cover letter, to the Select Board and ask that the Board follow up in order that these violations cease. All four (4) votes were in favor.

**Trails Committee Report:** Committee Chair Kotowski stated that the last meeting was held on December 6. Also in attendance were Demeritt, Kimball and Celia Abrams. Minutes were reviewed and accepted. One workday at the William E. Kennard Forest was held in October, attended by Mooney, Abrams, Kotowski and volunteer resident Jim Arsenault. Mr. Arsenault is a mapper and he will be developing a topographic map of the property that would illustrate interesting features. Also a possible new path route was found on the east side of the property through an open hardwood forest onto a hemlock, mixed wooded area. A new possible trail was flagged and noted by GPS. The next Trails Committee meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Kotowski stated that she hoped to go to Marsh Woods and/or the woods behind the Town Complex building for some chain saw work to clear trails of blow downs.

**Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Report:** Demeritt noted that the Annual Meeting would be at the Hooksett Library on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 10:00 AM. The presenter will be Rick Ellsmore, NH State Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**Lamprey River Advisory Committee:** Therese Thompson had several topics to share with the Commission. The results of the bat survey project have been completed and sent to Commission members. There will be a formal presentation at the Epping Library on January 31, 2019, at 4:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Ms. Thompson also stated that there is grant funding available in 2020 for master plan work related to watershed protection. Up to \$7500 is available to a community who wishes to apply for these funds. Nottingham has more Lamprey River watershed area than any other

community. Ms. Thompson has been invited to attend the next Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee meeting scheduled for January 15, 2019, at 6:30 PM.  
Ms. Thompson left at 8:00 PM.

### **Correspondence:**

- The Kennard conservation easement has been filed at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds (RCRD). The filing date was October 30, 2018 and was recorded in Book 5957, page 2629.
- The Shippee-Rice/ Rice conservation easement has been filed at the RCRD on October 30, 2018, Book 5957, Page 2644.
- The Terninko conservation easement was filed at the RCRD in April 2018 (day not noted), Book 5904, Page 1372.
- Received was a 2018 monitoring report of the Applehurst Farm conservation easement (Harvey property) from SouthEast Land Trust (SELT). All was satisfactory.
- Forest Notes from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
- Dated 11-29-18, from Land Resource Management Program NH DES to John and Lisa Morin, 23 Cove Road, Map 68, Lot 10, File #2018-00674, re: a dock at lakeside, 4' X 20'. DES has no record of a permit issued for this structure and requests that documentation is provided to DES by January 2, 2019.
- Preventing the Spread of Japanese Knotweed, prepared by Doug Cygan, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food. Members recommended that this periodical be forwarded to the Select Board.
- Update of the NH Guide to Upland Invasive Species, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2018. This pamphlet is also prepared by Doug Cygan.

**Other:** Commission Members and SELT have been working with property owners to conserve open pasture property along Stage Road for several months. The situation has recently changed and the property owners have put the property up for sale. Jeremy Lougee at SELT hopes to work with the potential buyers for a possible conservation purchase through the town.

Note: Kimball left at 8:17 PM.

### **Minutes to Review:**

- Minutes of October 15, 2018 were reviewed and edited. It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kotowski to accept these minutes as amended. All three (3) votes were in favor.
- Minutes of November 19, 2018 were reviewed and edited. It was moved by Kotowski and seconded by Mooney to accept these minutes as amended. All three (3) votes were in favor.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kotowski to adjourn the meeting. All three votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on January 14, 2019.