

Chairperson Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:08 PM. Other members in attendance were Paul Miliotis, Raelene Shippee Rice, Kristen Lamb, Cheryl Smith, Susan Mooney and Debra Kimball.

Minutes: The minutes for November 14, 2016, were reviewed and corrected. Smith moved and Miliotis seconded to accept the minutes of November 14, 2016, as corrected. There were six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

Intents to Cut:

- Map 18, Lots 3-3 and 3-4 located at 31 Gebig Road. Of 51.5 acres, to cut 45. Dalton Mountain Forestry, LLC, Dunbarton, NH.

Members looked at the property map and noted that the North River, a fourth order stream at that location, and separate wetlands were located on the parcel to be logged. Because of the sensitivity to these shorelands and watershed, members determined that the Commission produce a standard document to send along to landowners, loggers, developers, etc., who will be/are engaging in activities that may impact watersheds, rivers, lakes, wetlands and other important natural systems. The purpose of the document would be to encourage employment of practices to minimize negative impacts during the activity and that will result in a finished designed landscape appropriate to the surrounding natural area. This document will be copied to appropriate agencies as well, including, but not limited to, the Board of Selectmen (BOS), Nottingham's Building Inspector, Department of Environmental Services (DES), and/or the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC). Mooney will draft said document and send it out to members for review.

- Map 17, Lot 14, located at 382 Stage Road. Of 33 acres, to cut 25. Same logger as above.

Correspondence:

- 2017 Membership renewal for Bear-Paw Regional Greenways was received. Annual dues are \$100.00.
- Wetlands Permit Application for Map 68, Lot 49-1, located at 8 Cahill Lane. The application to DES was dated November 22, 2016 by the Town of Nottingham. On November 19, 2016, Demeritt, Kotowski and Mooney visited the site with property owner, Matt Bergeron. The project is to reexpand a small perched beach area at Pawtuckaway Lake. All activity is

to be compliant with state RSA (Chapter 483-B). Commission members offered a few specific suggestions regarding the slope toward the water's edge and, on the whole, were satisfied with the details of the proposed project.

- Received: the Town and Community Forestry Inventory Project by Cooperative Extension and GRANIT. The inventory requests that town forests and town owned properties be listed for this inventory. Mooney offered to assist Demeritt if needed.

Conservation Easement (CE) Monitoring Walks:

Kimball reported that on November 19, 2016, along with Liz Kotowski (Commission member), and Jim Salge and Celia Abrams, both volunteers from the community, monitored the Friend Family CE property that is located on the east side of Raymond Road. There was a recent survey done on one side of the CE because of a recent lot line adjustment and subdivision in order to construct a new home on an "out" (of the CE) property lot. Kimball placed the monitoring report along with photos into the files.

The Terninko CE on Case Road is still to be done.

Highlands: One of the deed-restricted lots still evidences activity not in compliance with the restrictions. Photos were provided to show that all vegetation continues to be cut to within inches of the ground from the house easement boundary right to the water's edge of the critical wetland, about 50 feet distance and with a width of about 20 feet. This activity had continued for several years. The resident has received notification from the Commission after each monitoring and the BOS was informed of this non-compliance activity after the last monitoring. Mooney will research the history of this parcel to gather dates and times in order to compose a draft letter to be sent to the property owner, and to the BOS and Building Inspector.

Other:

Demeritt will check with Mark West, former Commission member and Chair, to inquire about the Critical Wetlands list he developed in the late 1990's.

Miliotis reported that he had completed the Wildlife Inventory of the Rick and Helen Fernald CE (Pawtuckaway Woods) along Deerfield Road. This 90-acre parcel abuts the State Park and Pawtuckaway Lake and is rich in avian species. Miliotis stated that he had documented 116 avian species, 19 of which are of greatest concern because of their rarity and nesting requirements. His compilation includes data that began in 2014 and extended into the fall of 2016. He stated that it is important for Nottingham to conduct its own inventories rather than to depend on state data, which often provides

“suggested habitat” rather than noted species. Miliotis will send electronic copies of the inventory to the members and to the Fernalds as well.

Miliotis recommended that if the Commission sponsors a nature walk in the spring that it could be at the Fernald CE (Pawtuckaway Woods) property.

Demeritt will contact Ted Walsh, Regional Compliance Supervisor, DES, to inquire if any follow up was done about the notice sent along to DES re: beaver dam removals and evidence of heavy equipment along and in the North River.

Due to inclement weather followed by a snowstorm, the final highway cleanup was cancelled for the winter.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to adjourn. All seven (7) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

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