

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Susan Mooney and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb.

Introductions were made following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements: Bear-Paw Regional Greenways' (BPRG) Executive Director, Dan Kern, stepped down from the position in May.

There will be an Open House for BPRG major donors hosted by the Board of Directors at the Kreider's in Northwood on Saturday, June 22 from 7 to 9 PM.

Member Resignation: Liz Kotowski resigned from the Conservation Commission by email on May 9, 2019. She had served on the Commission for several years and in addition to chairing the Trails Committee from its inception, she was an energetic participant in other activities as well – well water quality testing, town wide cleanup, Nottingham Day/ Earth Day, river quality sampling (see below), reaching out to land owners on conservation issues, and the like. Kotowski made significant contributions for the community during her tenure here, she will be greatly missed. Thank you, Liz.

Trails Committee (NTC): The NTC met on June 4 to work on the Recreational Trails Program (RTC) grant application. This funding opportunity is sponsored by NH DOT for passage by sidewalks, bike routes, foot paths, and the like other than on state and town-maintained roadways. Committee members were given assignments and will meet again on June 18 at 6:30 PM to complete the application. The application deadline is June 21. In the morning of June 4 members walked the proposed trail system of Marsh Woods with Zack Colatch, Student Conservation Associates AmeriCorps (SCA), NH AmeriCorps Crew Supervisor, to determine scope of work necessary to construct the trail, build wetland crossings and erect kiosks. After a break for lunch, members and Mr. Colatch went to the Marston property to review another proposed trail, ADFA compatible, at that site where the SCA NH AmeriCorps crew would help construct for the town.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG): From Demeritt – At a recent outreach committee meeting, members worked on the next BPRG Newsletter. Also discussed was membership development. In the absence of an executive director, members are stepping up to provide continuity until a new director is hired. Mooney will request a Letter of Support for the RTC grant proposal.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): The next meeting is scheduled for June 17. Demeritt will request a Letter of Support for the RTC grant proposal.

Correspondence:

- Latest issue of Forest Notes has been received.
- Dated 6-3-19, to Ryan Duquette, DES Land Resources Management, Water Division, cc-ed to the Commission, from Ralph W. Sanders, NH DOT District 6, submitted a report

that a culvert along Route 152 by Lucas Pond Road was plugged by a piece of wood. The culvert was damaged and will be replaced with a 24-inch diameter culvert (same size).

Road Side Litter Cleanup: Postponed until next meeting.

Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP): Kimball is assembling the summer schedule for river water testing. She will ask for volunteers from the community at the Commission's web page and on Facebook. Kimball and Celia Abrams, community volunteer, tested at three sites, two on the North River and one on the Little River on June 2. Samples will be tested every other week throughout the summer until September. Data are submitted to the state VRAP office and a report is compiled at the end of the season from all watershed testing sites.

Minutes: The minutes of May 13, 2019 were reviewed and edited. Kimball moved to accept the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Shippee-Rice. All four (4) votes were in the affirmative.

Other: A poster designed by April Bacon, resident, was presented to the members. The title is "The Critical Edge, Protect Our Wetlands" showing a heron standing in a wetland, was used as a promotion by DES about twenty years ago. Mooney thought that it might be shared with the public and members agreed. She will ask the Select Board Office if that would be appropriate.

Reimbursement: A request to reimburse Celia Abrams \$25 for the application fee required by the NH Heritage Bureau for the March Woods trail project. This state agency holds all of the reported plant species of interest in the state, if reported to them, and is a required document for the RTC grant application for Marsh Woods. Mooney moved to reimburse Abrams the \$25 fee. The motion was seconded by Kimball; all four (4) votes were in favor.

It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to adjourn. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as edited at the meeting held on October 30, 2019.