

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:08 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Susan Mooney, Jon Rydberg, and Raelene Shippee-Rice, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

- Scheduled for March 14, “Conservation Craft Beer First Taste”, a beer tasting event sponsored by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, will be held at the Northwoods Brewing Company, 1334 First NH Turnpike.
- On March 9, 2020, Krystal Costa Balanoff sent an email of resignation from both the Commission and the Trails Committee (NTC). She enthusiastically served as the Committee chair following Liz Kotowski’s term.

Trails Committee (NTC) Report: The NTC met on March 5. Demeritt noted that the field work scheduled for the Town Office trail was moved instead to the Kennard property. Most of the old road that extends from the Town Office property to McCrillis Road is now owned by the abutting landowners. Permission from these landowners will be required before formal public use and trail upkeep can be addressed.

There are several grants available for trail development and upkeep that will be discussed at subsequent meetings. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Report: Demeritt indicated that there are six (6) conservation easement projects before the BPRG: Barnstead, 50 – 100 acres; Deerfield, 50 – 60 acres; two parcels in Epsom, 50 – 100 acres each; Strafford, 25 acres; and Candia, 52 acres.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA): Demeritt reported that two (2) members are under quarantine (due to COVID-19), and that the meeting held earlier on March 9 was by conference call. There was discussion to add arsenic analysis to the river water testing sampling program. The spring newsletter is in progress.

Road-Side Cleanup: Is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 beginning at 8:30 AM. Demeritt, Mooney, and Shippee-Rice will participate at that time, Kimball will schedule her area road cleanup around her work schedule.

Correspondence:

- Received from SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) the 2019 easement monitoring report for Applehurst Farm (Harvey property) that was conducted on 8-15-19. The multipage document was thorough and included aerial photos of the property. All was in order.
- Received from BPRG, a thank you note for membership dues received.

Minutes:

- Minutes of February 10, 2020 were accepted as read. The motion was made by Kimball and seconded by Rydberg. All five (5) votes were in favor.
- Minutes of March 2, 2020 were accepted as read. The motion was made by Shippee-Rice and seconded by Rydberg, All five (5) votes were in favor.

Town Meeting: Members worked on a power point presentation and handouts for Town Meeting to illustrate the conservation purpose of the town's Conservation Fund and how it is funded.

Adjournment: Rydberg moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mooney. All five (5) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on June 8, 2020.