

Chair Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:06 PM. Other members in attendance were Debra Kimball, Jonathan Rydberg, and Susan Mooney. Guest was Mary Colvard, resident.

**Announcements:** Following the Pledge of Allegiance, an announcement that Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) was planning another annual scavenger hunt on a weekend before Halloween. It is anticipated that Covid protocols will be similar to last year's event. Additionally, there will be a Public Hearing on September 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM in Conference Room 1 in the company of the Select Board to entertain public comment to approve the use of Conservation Fund monies to partially pay for the appraisal of a conservation easement project identified as P-20.

**Earth Fest:** This Nottingham annual community event was held on the ball field at the Town Municipal Complex property on Saturday, September 11. Demeritt, Mooney and Deanna Demeritt set up the Commission booth with assistance from the Recreation Department who transported the canopy and display tables for set up and break down. Maps and conservation materials were displayed. Information and maps re: the trails work accomplished by the Trails Committee (NTC) were very popular with visitors. Michael Koester and Celia Abrams of the NTC engaged passersby who stopped to discuss trails information. Although there were fewer booths and visitors as were in the past events, there was a steady stream of visitors who were more likely to linger than in the past. The event was scheduled from 10AM to 2PM; Abrams stayed on for breakdown. The weather was perfect and all agreed it was a successful event. Thank you to Nottingham's Parks and Recreation Department.

**Trails Committee:** Trail work has been on going and will continue into the fall. Signage for the Marsh Woods, Kennard and Terninko trail systems have been ordered.

**Bear-Paw Regional Greenways:** The Newsletter will be mailed out the first week of October. There was an Outreach and Education Committee meeting earlier on this date (9-13-21), and a new committee chair was selected.

**Roadside Cleanup:** Demeritt will pick up a discarded trash bag located along the Commission's stretch of Route 152. A routine cleanup day will be scheduled at the October meeting.

**Correspondence:** There was none.

**Potential Commission Member:** Mary Colvard has attended several Commission meetings and has expressed her interest in becoming a member of the Commission. She and her husband are retired biology teachers and they recently moved to Nottingham from upstate New York. A motion was made by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to recommend the appointment of Mary Colvard as a member of the Commission to the Select Board. All four (4) votes were in favor. Upon Ms. Colvard's appointment the Commission will again have seven (7) regular members.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of August 30, 2021, were reviewed. No edits were noted. It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Rydberg to approve the minutes of August 30, 2021, as read. All four (4) votes were in favor. (Note: the regularly scheduled meeting of August 9, 2021, failed to realize a quorum, so this meeting was posted.)

**Reimbursement:** Mooney had purchased three reams of copy paper and one (1) package of twelve (12) notepads for secretarial supplies. It was moved by Kimball and seconded by Rydberg to reimburse Mooney the sum of \$31.96 for these materials. All four (4) votes were in favor.

**Other:**

- The former USA Springs property has recently sold and will be used as a commercial area. There are wetlands including critical turtle habitat in the rear of the parcel and the boundary abuts the Stonehouse Pond conservation easement property in Barrington. The easement deed is held by Southeast Land Trust (SELT). Mooney and Mr. Sterndale, the town administrator, have held conversations about the conservation value of the back area. Mr. Sterndale indicated that the new owner was favorable to preserving this area with the assistance of SELT.
- Demeritt has received a request from the Select Board for an updated list of conserved lands in Nottingham. Mooney will send an electronic copy of the list compiled by Celia Abrams when she was a member of the Commission. Demeritt and Abrams will work with Mr. Sterndale on the updated version.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Rydberg to adjourn the meeting. All four (4) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on October 18, 2021.