

SANDWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 2015 DRAFT

Commission Members Present: Peggy Merritt, Bruce Burrows, Fred Lavigne, Jon Jakubos, Priscilla Smith, Helen Gingras, Sam Smith, (alternate).

Commission Members Absent: Bud Martin, Shaw Smith, (alternate).

General Public Attendees: Susan Bryant Kimball, Julie Dolan.

#1 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

#2 Assignment of Alternates: No alternates were assigned.

#3 Approval of minutes of July 22, 2015: Priscilla made a motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2015, Helen seconded it. The motion passed unopposed. The minutes were accepted with two minor changes.

Reports:

#4 Wetlands Permits/ timbering report: Fred and Jon.

Jon reported that there were three applications received that were approved by the DES. These include: map R 13/lot 54, map R 3/ Lot 58, and map R 1/ lots 23 and 24.

Fred reported that there was one forestry notification, map R11/ lot 4.

#5 Trail Report: Helen

Helen reported that she had received a call from Kent Mitchell, landowner, where a part of the Bear Camp River Trail traverses from Upper Rd. to Rte. 113.

He and his forestry manager walked the trail and defined an area on his property that could be used as a relocation path around a recently closed section of the trail. Peggy and Helen will walk the trail to assess what the situation is.

Helen reported that she continues with trail maintenance on various sections of the trail.

Continuing Business:

#6 Meadowbrook Conservation Area:

a. Installation of permanent markers:

Fred reported that he and Shaw Smith recently placed 24 cedar posts with permanent markers attached to define the boundaries of the wetlands. He noted that they will need an additional 12 posts to complete the job.

Susan Bryant Kimball asked if this boundary is a permanent line, and how long is it accurate for?

Peggy responded that it would be accurate until another wetland assessment is performed.

Jon reported that the access to the area has been paved and our Road Agent, Jon Peaslee, will now be able to clean up the site. The bill for the paving is approximately \$2000.00.

Julie Dolan inquired about the cost of the clean-up .We do not have an estimate just yet.

Volunteer workers are not an option because of liability.

b. Preliminary discussion of Wetlands Delineation/ Assessment Report.

Peggy reported that we now have a single copy of the report, and that she has digital files of most of the report. She feels that we need five more copies made so that we can make them available for members of the public to inspect. She estimates the cost of the extra copies to be approximately \$200.00 She will have them ready in the next few days.

She also noted that we do not have shape files, and they will need to be sent to us by Dan Coons.

We have here in the Selectmen's office a map and overlay, and also the survey map on display.

c. Public Input Session: Collaboration with PSU faculty.

Peggy would like to have a fall date for a public input session to help formulate a management plan. This would be guided by June Hammond –Rowan from PSU, along with her students.

Peggy will contact her to set up a date for this session.

New Business:

#7 2015 Five Days of sandwich report: Dan Reidy.

Peggy distributed a report of the recent program that she received from Dan Reidy.

It contained a listing of each day's activities.

Peggy will get the data on the number of participants in the program, and where they come from.

8 Audubon Alice Bemis Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary

Phil Brown , the land trustee from the N.H. Audubon Society contacted Peggy with a few requests.

Firstly, he would like a representative from the Conservation Commission to attend the dedication ceremony of the trail extension.

Next, he noted that there is a shortage of money to finish the project.

He also informed her of the donation of several acres of land from an abutter to enlarge the parcel of land.

And lastly, he asked if the Conservation Commission could donate money to help with the transaction costs.

Peggy suggested that we ask Mr. Brown to attend our September meeting to give us the details of the money needed.

#9 Annual Conservation Easement Monitoring:

Peg will update the list of monitoring assignments and send it to us. She noted that the State would like a GPS track of the state property that we monitor.

Peggy suggested that we could possibly get Joan Turley to give us some GPS training. She will look into that.

Other:

The NH Association of Conservation Commissions will hold their annual meeting on November 11, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Gingras

Next SCC meeting : September 23, 2015 in town hall