



**Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2018**

Attendees: Scott Pim, Sandy Goodspeed, Liz Wilson, John <sup>Bennett</sup>~~Brennan~~, Dan McCoombs, Todd Hathaway, Ben Bade

Absent:

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.**

**Shirking Road Subdivision Presentation: Patrick Bogle, Jones & Beach Engineers**

4 lot commercial subdivision approximately 15 acres. Tax Map 36, Lot 5. Requesting wetland crossing to access two lots. There will be 1600 sq. ft. of temporary and 820 of permanent disturbance via culvert for a single driveway. There would also be buffer impact in two locations, approximately 2300 sq. ft. of permanent impact. The driveway crosses in the area where the wetland is narrowest. The lot would otherwise be unusable as a 4 lot subdivision. Even with few lots, a separate driveway might be needed. There are no endangered species occurrences. The Commission voted unanimously to not oppose the application, and appoint Scott to sign the DES Application at Page 3 on behalf of the Commission.

**New Member: Ben Bade**

Ben introduced himself to the other Members, and received his ECC Retro T-Shirt.

**March 19, 2018 Minutes**

The Members unanimously approved the minutes from the March 19th meeting. Todd will circulate all 2018 minutes to John to post to the website and the Town Secretary.

**Dimond Hill South Update**

Scott recently sent the letter approved by the Members at the last meeting to the owners. There has been no response, and the signs remain. With respect to hunting, the Legal Opinion provided to the Commission indicated that hunting would be considered a traditional recreational use to be allowed as "public access." There was concern expressed by school representatives about hunting rules. The Members discussed generally issues relating to hunting on Town properties and whether it might be possible to post Fox Run or another property against hunting for a limited time during the year so that it could be used by the school for conservation related field trips.



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### Low Park

Sandy provided an update on this potential project. The county forester and representatives from SELT mapped out a trail with survey trails. Members agreed that it would be a good location for a trail (about a mile), but the question would be one of priority given the proposed project at Folsom. Sandy, Liz, and Ben will organize a walk through on Sunday, April 22 at 1pm. We will determine what requests, if any, to make regarding the neighboring property owned by the Town that might be suitable for parking, which could also serve as parking for the Rail Trail.

### Website

John and Todd are working on updating the meeting minutes to the site. John is also updating content on the site. Dan raised the issue of website registration and how to make sure we don't lose our domain name. Dan suggested changing the "owner" as the ECC so that we don't have a single person receiving notices that might be missed. Members will forward additional content for John to update, include information about ongoing school projects, updated photo contest rules and Earth Day materials. Sandy raised the question of whether the site might be reorganized and she will provide more specific comments soon. John raised whether we can include some kind of graphical representation of the allowed usages for each property. Todd and John will examine what usage information appears in the NRI and on TrailFinder for the next meeting. Sandy will also send John the SpeakUp Epping articles she has worked on.

### School Projects Update

Liz provided an update on work for the upcoming field trip to Fox Run next Thursday. Liz, Sandy, and Dan had a walk through today with Allison Bates to help plan for the event. Among other things, Liz will be working this weekend to better blaze the trail. A field guide has been developed for the adult volunteers. The trail is in good shape, but a bit difficult to follow. Part of the project will be for the students to create a scavenger hunt for others to follow in the future, and posted to our website. There will be final celebration at the school once the project is complete. The Members discussed presenting a certificate to the winning team.

### Miscellaneous

Sandy presented the RCCD Annual Report, and Natural Resource Services for Municipalities brochures. Extras will be left downstairs in Town Hall. Sandy attended Saving Special Places conference this weekend and reported that it was well-attended and worthwhile. She will also be attending the NHACC conference in the Fall. One of the ideas she encountered was better publicizing of committee work to the committee. She also reminded the group that the UNH Coop Extension has a volunteer network program that we could utilize. There is also a

