



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 12, 2017

Photo Contest

We would like to have our photo contest winner attend our October 10th meeting at town hall. Sandy is going to look into getting the photo mounted, Liz is going to contact our winner about attending our next meeting. The framed photo will be displayed in the library after the meeting.

Denoncour Amendment

The commission unanimously voted to approve the Denoncour amendment.

Dam Permit – Water Treatment Planning

LRAC is taking care of it.

Budget

We'd like to budget for creating trails on the recently harvested Low property. Sandy and Sarah are working on this cost estimation. We'd also like to budget for putting gravel at the road access to the boat launch by the route 87 bridge. There is a significant drop-off from the pavement to the gravel road. Sandy will contact DOT about what is required. Also would like to budget for a couple picture posts (\$35 each top) to put at Fox Run and maybe some other locations as well. Sarah will check on availability. Also would like to budget for a new sign at the Low property, similar to the sign in front of Town Hall with our new digitalized logo; the current one has a big indent at the top and is crumbling apart. Sandy will look into the cost.

Logo

Discussed using our old logo as a branding technique to help us be more recognizable. Whitman is going to digitalize the old logo.

Bike Project

Todd is going to prepare a rough layout of potential trail addition at Folsom for Sarah to review and put together a proposal to submit to the Selectboard next month. Going to try to build the trails out using volunteers and donations. Todd's hoping to add about 3-4 miles of trail.

Epping Elementary Open House

Discussed getting a slideshow together, maps, and banner for the open house on September 26th and 27th. Whitman is going to try and digitalize the old trail pamphlet, so we can have them at events like these.



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Attendees: John Bennett, Sarah Brennan, Scott Pim, Sandy Goodspeed

Absent: Liz Wilson, Todd Hathaway,

Guest: Whitman Constantineau, Jerry Langdon, Kevin Martin

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Whitman Constantineau - appointment

Whitman is in the process of completing his major at UNH and is looking to dedicate approximately 100 hours of work to the commission in the form of outreach and engagement work. His work may include building a foundation on social media, creating a social media plan, actively engaging the community through social media, sharing other organizations' content, and digitalizing content. We invited him on as a temporary member to the commission.

Jerry Langdon and Kevin Martin

Jerry and Kevin's discussed the importance of the forestry committee and how it serves the community. The forestry committee's goal is to manage properties in the best interest of the environment, animals, air, and land. The forestry committee exists within the conservation commission. Jerry discussed the status of several properties. Low property - 40 acres which was overgrown with mostly bull pines was recently harvested. Low quality trees (chips, firewood, and pulp) were harvested from this property and high grade trees were left. The goal of this harvest was to allow the regeneration of better wood and improve habitat. The money from this harvest, after deducting the forester's costs, will go into the general fund. John B Folsom - Has a management plan but has never been forested. Fox Run - Needs a management plan and is due for a harvest as well. Railroad Lot (behind Catholic Cemetery) - Needs a management plan and has been illegally harvested in the past. Need to check the status of this property to determine if it is due for another harvest. Discussed ideas on how to educate the public about harvests (general information and upcoming properties). Kevin would be interested in doing a presentation on the town lands, big trees, and other exciting things on the properties. In addition, we feel it would be appropriate to have a forester come in a present about why forestry is important. Jerry would like to work his way out of the forestry committee, so they are looking for someone willing to work with foresters and follow management plans, forestry experience is not a must.

Website

John will check into how to submit plans electronically and communicate with Sandy about this.



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Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Brennan, Treasurer

Minutes Approved:

[Signature] 10/10/17
Scott Pim, Chair Date

[Signature] 10.10.17
Todd Hathaway Date

John Bennett Date

[Signature] 10/10/17
Sarah Brennan Date

[Signature] 10.10.17
Sandy Goodspeed Date

Liz Wilson Date

