



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 9, 2016

Attendees: Sandy Goodspeed, Todd Hathaway

Absent: Scott Pim, Gordon Merrick, Jeff Conrad, John Bennett

Guest: Jim Gove, Gove Group

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10.

Jim Gove, Gove E.S., Dredge and Fill Governor's Run

Road drainage from 125, plus ground water, not natural stream. DOT wants it across street from medical building for traffic safety. Impacts: 900 sf wetland. Coordinated with F&G and NHHNB re: habitat. Brook floater, red flood plain forest, wood turtle (not sure species, question blandings, wood), eel. Plan to create new nesting habitat. Below mitigation requirements, but they are working with mitigation anyway and open to suggestions. Fill not a passageway for species. Detention/retention areas in plans. Fencing for turtle habitat. No deep sumps, grates, etc. Lighting overlap of wetlands area question raised by Sandy. Jim will check. Sandy and Todd will seek ECC approval to support, with expression of concern regarding lighting overlap issue

Minutes

We did not have a quorum, so the approval of June and July minutes tabled until next meeting.

Old Conservation Website Update

Deferred to next meeting.

Logo

Deferred to next meeting.

Tree stands, motorized vehicles and signs on conservation land

Todd did not find any specific general rules for the Town, but the uses would be subject to the individual deeds/grants for each property. Low/Fresh River/Birch Rd, for example, do not have explicit prohibitions of such uses, but there is a requirement that the natural habitat be undisturbed and that there is no interference with scenic or recreational purposes. We are likely going to need to evaluate each property deed/grant on a case by case basis, and Todd will undertake that effort so that we can have something in place for our NRI.

Invasive species

Todd reported that is an extensive topic that will likely require significant volunteer resources and technical expertise. Both UNH Co-Op and DES have lots of resources. In the first instance, we should try to concentrate our efforts on identifying our most sensitive/priority areas, which will actually be something that will be done in connection with the NRI. Once that is done, we can determine next steps, including soliciting volunteers and hopefully finding a partner with technical expertise and funding.

Conservation Maps

We've obtained a digital copy of the table of conservation lands and can marry that list with a list of other properties, such as SELT, Town, etc. As part of the NRI process, Todd will go through the granting documents for each property so that we can provide information on

