

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 19 Jun 17

Members present: Jim Fowler, Dick Holmes, Ruth Pratt, Mike Francis, Gabe Bailey, Dick Lincourt, Steve Neill (ex officio)

Alternate members present: Sue Ann Forcier

Guests present: Michael Serikas, Jacob Kezar, Jessica Blaney

Called to order 7:03 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Minutes of 17 Apr 17 approved as written

Minutes of 15 May 17 no quorum

- 1) Temporary dock application for 1434 Bellows Falls Road – Michael Serikas presented maps for wetlands application to install temporary dock on Conn. River. The land owners have a right of way across the fields to the river. Putnam Farms has bought off on the application. Discussion. Motion made and passed to sign the application.
- 2) Conservation Stewardship Program (NCRS) – Reservoir Lot – the Natural Resource Service will pay individuals but not municipalities to do forest improvements. We want Bay State to lease the lot and do the work. Application is at the town's attorney's office.
- 3) Ann Avenue – Dick Holmes sent an email to Jonathan Sisson and he responded. He is working on a similar problem with another town and hopes to link the problems with DES. Much discussion. Dick Holmes will email Mr. Sisson again with our concerns.
- 4) Our Town article – Jim Fowler presented an article he would like to put in the Our Town about use of town forests. A four-wheel drive drove up into Halls Pond along the snowmobile trail and rutted the trail. Someone built a campsite in the reservoir Lot which Jim Fowler and Dick Holmes tore apart. Twice Jim Fowler has found signs of fire pits. He will send the article and post it on the Municipal Facebook page.
- 5) RT 12 Construction meeting – Jun 28th at North Walpole School, 7 PM. Widening supposed to start next year. Discussion. Dick Holmes will attend.
- 6) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) 3 intents to cut – Sam Putnam Road, Jeffrey Road, Grouse Road.
 - b) Reservoir Lot Tree Farm – SPNHF magazine, and two free passes to Lost River.
- 7) Other Business
 - a0 Right-to-Know law – Jim Fowler attended a workshop on the Right-to-Know law presented by the Library Trustee Association. He presented the handout and copies of his notes. Discussion.

Adjourned: 7:56 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

date