

Charlestown Conservation Commission

Minutes 18 Oct. 2010.

Members present: Dick Holmes (Chairman), Steven Dumont, Travis Royce, Steve Neil (ex officio).

Guests present: Larry Crocker.

Meeting called to order 7:07 by Dick Holmes.

Minutes of 20 Sept. 2010 approved as written.

- 1) Hubbard Hill State Forest: There has been no activity related to logging. Neither Steve Neill nor anyone from the CC knows about the schedule. Steven Dumont removed the trail from the UV Trails website.
- 2) Adopt-a-highway cleanup: 25 People showed up for the adopt-a-highway cleanup on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. A total of 82 bags of trash were removed.
- 3) LCIP Easements: On Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> The Sharon Francis & Dave Sussman easements were walked, no problems or discrepancies found.
- 4) Town Forest Boundary Marking: It was agreed that the CC should hold off on the boundary marking until Spring of 2011.
- 5) PSNH Grant Application: Dick submitted an application for a grant that will be used to fund the CC buying 65 copies of a booklet titled "Conserving Your Land: Options for New Hampshire Landowners" as well as cover the cost to mail these booklets out to residents in Charlestown with 20 or more acres of land.
- 6) Conservation Easements: Dick presented a draft of a letter to said landowners asking if they'd like to know more about conservation easements. Steve Neill suggested we enclose a pre-addressed, prepaid envelope with a survey asking to reply with their level of interest. It was agreed that this is a great idea and would result in more people responding.
- 7) Tree Removal: Dick informed us that the planning board approved removing some trees from the Sam Putnam Road for maintenance reasons, vote was 4-0 in favor.
- 8) Hemmingway Permit: The NH DES reaffirmed its approval for Chris Hemingway to construct a culvert to access his property for logging, with a provision to build a single family residence at some point in the future. The decision may be appealed. Dick Holmes asked Larry Crocker if he had plans to again appeal the decision and if he had any pertinent information to support his appeal. Larry responded only that he would be appealing.
- 9) Steve Neill read a letter he wanted on the record addressed to Mr. Crocker. Prior to reading the letter, he stated it expressed his personal views and opinions only; it is not the view of any town employee, board or committee. The letter stated he thought Larry was falsely accusing people in the town offices of acting for their own personal gains, that he is making false or misleading statements about past and current town board members, town water quality tests, and that he is obstructing people and not communicating his concerns with anyone in the town. Mr. Neill then left the meeting.

- 10) Runoff: Travis Royce asked about the horses on the Old Claremont Road near the bottom of the Acworth Road and if their runoff going directly into the adjacent stream was a concern. It was agreed that this may be an issue and should be researched further.

Meeting adjourned: 7:59 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Steven Dumont

Minutes approved by Dick Holmes, Chair

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Dick Holmes

Date