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Conservation Commission minutes 19 Apr 2010

Members Present: Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler, Steve Dumont, Woody Prouty, Travis Royce, Steve Neill (ex officio)

Guests Present: Larry Crocker, John Taylor (Upper Valley Trails Alliance)

7:03 P.M. called to order by Dick Holmes (chair)

minutes of 15 Mar 10 approved as corrected

- 1) John Taylor – Upper Valley Trails Alliance – Trails Programs Director – briefed CCC on the Upper Valley Trails Finder Program – maps of the trails will be found on the UVTA’s web site free of charge to all users and trails groups. Besides the GPS maps, CCC can put up trails descriptions, photos, directions, etc. The web site also allows for user comments and feedback to trail groups so maintenance problems can be corrected. Each organization has its own page with trails and contact information. The Alliance is looking to have 75 trails on line by 5 June. We will be able to turn off and on individual trails in case of weather or other problems. Dick Holmes provided the contact information of Cartographic Technologies, who hold the GPs data on our trails, to Mr. Taylor so he can ask them for the data. He will upload the information and allow us final approval.
- 2) Adopt-a-highway recap – 104 bags collected by 22 people, including: Lion’s Club, rotary, CCC and the ROTC.
- 3) GreenUp Day – 1 May 2010. Sandwich board and fliers out. Steve Neill will arrange town truck. Travis Royce will check with Ralph’s and Jiffy Mart. Dick Holmes will check with House of Pizza. See everyone at 8 A.M. at the Firehouse.
- 4) Connecticut River State Forest Gate – the old road out into the forest has been trashed. While renewing the permit for the trail with the state we asked about the gate and they said a gate would be okay, except that they cannot pay for it at this time, though they did send a diagram of approved gate. After looking over the diagram, we decided to table the idea of the gate at this time.
- 5) Town of Charlestown’s expedited permit – annual request to replace culverts under roads that will be paved the following year. This year a total of eight culverts under Jabe Meadow Road and Pecor Road.
- 6) Correspondence – Dick reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) state approval of Chris Hemingway’s project on Hemlock Swamp Road subject to project specific conditions to include: 1) any change of access to non-forestry may require a new application or approval by DES 2) the deed which accompanies a sales transaction for this lot shall contain condition above.
- 7) Other business
 - a) Steve Neill asked for an update on item from last month about easement on Fort at #4 property. Dick Holmes to call Peg Merren.

adjourned 8:06 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler

minutes approved by Dick Holmes

Dick Holmes

date