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Charlestown Conservation Commission minutes 19 Jul 2010

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

Guest Present: Larry Crocker

called to order 7:05 P.M. by Dick Holmes chair

minutes of 21 Jun 2010 approved as written

- 1) Upper Valley Trails Finder Program – town trails are up on the program. A few pictures still need to be uploaded.
- 2) Hubbard Hill State Forest – Ingeborg Seaboyer of DRED called Dick Holmes asking questions about the snow mobile club moving of existing trail. Mr. Holmes contacted the snow mobile club and received more information. The club is moving the trail west of the state forest off private land onto the club's land. This will require a change to the western portion of the state forest trail. DRED wants to know if the CCC wants to move the hiking trail to the new the snow mobile club trail or leave the hiking trail on the existing trail. DRED has contracted out for a logging operation in the forest and wants to leave a buffer zone around the trail. After much discussion, CCC decided to move the hiking trail to the new snow mobile trail when completed.
- 3) Boundary Markings – Dick Holmes asked Peter Rhodes about supplies for boundary paint. He said Forestry Suppliers Inc. was likely the best place to get marking paint. Motion made and passed to purchase 5 gallons of marking paint.
- 4) Conservation Plan – Dick Holmes listed people who own property in town that are of environmental interest. He thinks a letter should be sent to these people asking about conservation easements. The town office is putting a list together of land in town under current use. Travis Royce recommended a name for the list. Once the list is completed, Dick Holmes will draft a letter for CCC's approval.
- 5) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) DES letter stating they have received the permit for the pump station on North Hemlock Road and consider it administratively complete. No word yet on approval.
 - b) DOT notice on public hearing for the RT 12 widening project, Jul 29th, 7PM at North Walpole elementary school.
 - c) Larry Crocker has appealed the Chris Hemingway application approval.
- 6) Other Business
 - a) Steve Dumont showed CCC the article in the July 8th Valley News on the Connecticut River State Forest trail. Jim Fowler was called by the sports reporter who walked the trail and wrote the article.

adjourned: 8:02 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes approved by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

date