

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 17 October, 2011

Members present: Steve Dumont, Jim Fowler, Dick Holmes, Travis Royce, Mike Francis, Steve Neill (ex officio)

Alternate members present: Chris Hemingway

Called to order: 7:06 P.M. by Dick Holmes chair

minutes of 19 Sep 11 approved as written.

- 1) Nature Trail Update – State couldn't find the letter so Steve Dumont emailed the package. Bill Janelle called back to say he will work on an Encroachment Agreement for the DOT commissioner's signature. He warned that it would be temporary in nature in case the state ever wants to widen RT12.
- 2) Boundary Marking – Halls Pond Town Forest is three quarters marked. CCC will meet Sunday, 23 October at the trail head to finish.
- 3) LCIP Monitoring – completed
- 4) Sams Hill town forest – Travis Royce found the original 1920's deed and researched the abutters' deeds. He found no right-of-way. He thinks the best solution would be to obtain a mutual agreement with an abutter in order for us to access the forest. Much discussion on right-of-way and best routes. Steve Neill questioned if Sams Hill is an official town forest. Dick Holmes to research.
- 5) North Charlestown wetlands problem – The town received a call from a Springfield, VT landowner about someone with a bulldozer pushing stuff into the river. Steve Neill and Dave Edkins visited the Springfield landowner and viewed Charlestown's side of the river. DES and Shoreland Protection have been notified.
- 6) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) Dept of Transportation final report (on disc) of the environmental impact statement of the Rt12 project.
 - b) notice and schedule of the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions along with proposed changes to their bylaws which will be voted on during the meeting.
- 7) Other Business
 - a) Report by Steve Neill about property on RT12 north of the village. Selectboard received a complaint that someone was bringing vehicles onto the property and stripping them. Chief of Police and Keith Weed were notified. Steve Neill received a called two days later that the people were on the property. Police checked on them. The chief shut them down and told them to clean up the property. The town called DES and sent a certified letter to the landowner.
 - b) Steve Dumont notified CCC that the Upper Valley Trails Alliance will be holding a free workshop on October 29th on using stone on trail maintenance.
 - c) Travis Royce resigned from the commission. Many members told him of their pleasure with working with him and that we would miss his expertise. Thank you, Travis.

Adjourned 8:21 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary
Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

date