

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 18 Apr 2011

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

Alternate Members Present: Chris Hemingway

Guests Present: Larry Crocker, Sharon Francis, Jim McClammer, Jan Lambert

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

minutes of 21 Mar 11 approved as corrected.

- 1) GreenUp Day – Saturday, 7 May 2011. Dick Holmes to arrange with the VFW for cooks, Steve Neill will have Dave Edkins arrange for the firehouse, Travis Royce will talk to local businesses on food.
- 2) Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Program – CCC to develop short list for the one to two page proposal (due 30 April). Two projects were approved for submission at this time 1) Cummings Ave restoration project, which is already in engineering stage. Jim McClammer to prepare the proposal. 2) Nature Trail Project to relocate the trail and other educational purposes. Steve Dumont to write proposal. Two projects need to be discussed with the landowners. First, the Dierk's and the Sergeant's properties in North Charlestown on the Little Sugar River. Jan Lambert and Sharon Francis have discussed this with the landowners who have questions. Second, the Dodge Property in North Charlestown on the Connecticut River. Dick Holmes has already sent information on this property to James Thaxton, UVLT. Dick Holmes to call James Thaxton to set up meeting with him, CCC and the land owners. Projects that were rejected, 1) Blueberry Hill property, no documented wetlands, 2) Hemingway's property on Hackett Swamp Road, land owner not interested. 3) Morway's property on Unity Stage Road, land owner not interested.
- 3) Nature Trail Meeting – Steve Dumont, Dick Holmes and Lew Shelley (SCA) walked the nature trail property looking over places to move the trail. SCA is looking for local projects for trail building training. Upper Valley Trail Alliance and the middle school also interested in getting involved. Steve Dumont has approached DOT district engineer for approval to move the beginning of the trail onto RT 12 right away.
- 4) Conservation Easements – no change
- 5) Correspondence
 - a) letter from DES concerning Fred Poison's Cummings Ave. restoration plan. Deemed not adequate. He has until May 15th to provide them with new plan.
- 6) Other Business – adopt-a-highway – the three groups collected 121 bags of trash, 10 tires and a TV along RT12

adjourned 8:37 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes approved by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes date