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Charlestown conservation Commission minutes 21 Mar 11

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

Alternate Members Present: Mike Francis

Guests Present: Larry Crocker, Jim McClammer

Called to order 7:01 P.M. by Dick Holmes chair
minutes of 21 Feb 11 approved as corrected

- 1) Conservation Easements – no cards returned this month.
 - a) Upper Valley Land Trust Conservation Commission gathering – Steve Dumont and Dick Holmes attended – Steve Dumont briefed CCC. Once the NRI is done the hard work has just started. Dick Holmes discussed the cards we sent out with Jim Thaxton of UVLT. He is interested in looking over the properties of the three owners, who showed interest. He also volunteered to hold a meeting with CCC and the property owners. Dick Holmes will forward Jim Thaxton the information, and contact the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to see if they're interested.
- 2) Hubbard Hill State Forest Timber sales – completed two weeks ago. The DRED forester wants to walk the trail and the cut with us when the snow pack melts.
- 3) Forest Management Plans review – Steve Dumont will scan the Halls Pond Management Plan and forward to CCC members for review. We need to repaint the boundaries. Peter Rhodes, town forester, recommended we check into logging in ten years, which is this year. CCC to review plan and discuss at next meeting.
- 4) Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) program – Jim McClammer briefed CCC on the program. Instead of mitigating by building replacement wetlands, wetlands impact that is worth over \$10,000 is now put in ARM to put out bids for wetlands projects. Charlestown Watershed District has funds available. Summary due by April 30th. CCC to come up with ideas by next meeting.
- 5) Commission appointments – Woody Prouty and Charlie St. Pierre due for reappointments.
- 6) Adopt-a-Highway cleanup – April 9th at 8:00 at the Firehouse.
- 7) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including
 - a) Special use permit for the Hubbard Hill State Forest trail has been approved. Good until Jun 2013.
 - b) letter from Richard Fraser informing CCC that St. Pierre Inc. will be submitting air quality permits for their rock crushers.
- 8) Other Business
 - a) Nature Trail – Steve Dumont briefed CCC on work he has done on Nature Trail. He is interested in the education aspects of the trail. He has talked to Shawn Stevens at the Middle School and Lou Shelley at SCA. Both have ideas for the trail. The Upper Valley Trails finder is also interested in being involved.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes approved by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

date