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Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 21 November, 2011

Members Present: Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler, Steve Dumont, Mike Francis

Alternate Members Present: Chris Hemingway

Guest Present: Sharon Monahan: Wetland scientist assigned to Whelen Engineering project

Called to order 7:02 P.M.

minutes of 17 Oct, 2011 approved as written

- 1) Whelen Engineering wetlands mitigation – Ms. Monahan handed out an overview package of the project. Whelen is considering purchasing the adjacent property and expanding into a 2.6 acre wetlands. They have met with DES to discuss options. 1) put an easement on a mitigating property ten times larger than impacted wetlands. 2) construct a wetlands 3) put money into ARM. Option 1 is the best option for Whelen. They propose to put an easement on half a property Mr. Olson owns on the Hemlock Swamp Road. Ms. Monahan mentioned that we can find another property in a NRI hot spot if we can find a landowner willing to sell the easement rights. CCC decided to visit the impacted property and the proposed mitigating property. Dick Holmes will call Travis Royce and arrange visit for Saturday 26 November.
- 2) Nature Trail – no word back from state
- 3) Boundary markings – completed on Halls Pond and Reservoir Lot Town Forests.
- 4) Sams Hill Town Forest – according to the 2002 Town Report Sams Hill Forest was included in the town vote making it an official town forest. We will pursue boundary markings in the spring.
- 5) North Charlestown wetlands problem – CCC received a copy of DES letter to landowners. DES is investigating.
- 6) Halls Pond tires – Jim Fowler discovered a pile of tires at the Halls Pond trail head. The police are investigating. We will need to clean up the tires.
- 7) North Charlestown Railroad bridge – after the fact dredge and fill application filed for repair of the arch bridge. Also packages includes future plan to restore brook.
- 8) Great Meadow Trail mowing – motion made and passed to pay Donny Highter \$75 for this past years mowing.
- 9) Correspondence –
  - a) annual membership dues – tabled
  - b) letter from DES to Fred Poisson giving him until 1 Dec, 2011 to complete restoration plan.

Adjourned 8:40 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes chair

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Dick Holmes

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