

## Draft

Conservation Commission meeting 15 Oct. 2012

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

Called to order 7:07 P.M. by Steve Dumont chair

Minutes of 17 September 2012 approved as printed

- 1) Recent Events -
  - a) Adopt-a-Highway – 33 participants collected 66 bags of trash plus various other items. Thank to the large turnout by the ROTC.
  - b) Nature Trail – 5 high-school students and 5 adults along with members of CCC completed the construction of the new section of the trail. The old trail has been blocked off and the stairs removed.
- 2) Upcoming Events –
  - a) Ct River State Forest Trail work day – Sat, Oct 20 9A.M. at the trail head.
- 3) Budget – budget worksheet received. Motion made and passed to ask for \$600.
  - a) NHACC dues – not enough left in budget to pay yearly dues. Will pay after town voting day.
- 4) GPS Town forest boundaries and trails – Jim Fowler asked if we could GPS the town forest boundaries. Steve Dumont priced GPS units as between \$100 and \$200. Motion made and passed to purchase a GPS unit not to exceed \$200. Steve Dumont to find a unit. Decided to store unit in the Selectmen's Office.
- 5) Reservoir Lot Trail – Jim Fowler showed a trail map and explained how the spur trail to the Old Acworth Stage Road could be looped back to the existed loop. Jim Fowler will flag out a trail for members consideration.
- 6) Nichols Lane Property – Dave Edkins emailed Steve Dumont and Dick Holmes that a land owner on Nichols Lane is giving the town a chance to purchase a 2 ½ acre house lot for \$14,000. The property borders the Reservoir Lot Town forest. Dick Holmes and Jim Fowler walked the property. They both think the piano key shaped lot would not gain the town anything. Discussion. Steve Dumont will inform Dave Edkins that the Conservation Commission does not recommend the town purchase the property.
- 7) Halls Pond tree removal – Steve Neill briefed CCC. Dave Duquette has challenged the state's dam bureau on the demand to remove trees near the dam. The state has agreed to a moratorium of two years.
- 8) Correspondence – Steve Dumont reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
  - a) notice of NHACC annual meeting Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b) letter from DES to New England Railroad rejecting plan for work from RT 12A north to town. CCC never received a copy of the original plan.
  - c) letter from Larry Crocker to state wetlands bureau asking the bureau to reconsider its decision.

adjourn 8:26 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes accepted by Steve Dumont chair

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Steve Dumont                      date