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Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 18 Mar 13

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

Alternates Members Present: Gabe Bailey

Guests Present: Lionel Chute - Sullivan County Conservation District

Called to order 7:03 P.M. by Steve Dumont chair

Gabe Bailey sat in place of Woody Prouty

minutes of 18 Feb 13 approved as written

- 1) Lionel Chute – introduced himself, gave a history/overview of what he can do for us. Mr. Chute is the district manager for the Sullivan County Conservation district. They work to conserve soils, water and support local agriculture. Mr. Chute handed out flyer for their annual plant sale. Jim Fowler will make sure the flyers get to the Garden Club and the Tree Committee. CCC talked about our issues and told Mr. Chute about our NRI and our requesting TransCan to put land along the river into easement. As Outreach, Mr. Chute will start process to hold an informational session in town on invasive species and how to control.
- 2) Tighe & Bond – copy of request for Permit Amendment – they have requested that the power company’s construction on Michael Avenue be amended to include building a temporary road up the other power line to include wooden swamp mats so they can mount tie downs to the bedrock, to be returned to wetlands when completed.
- 3) Charlestown Community Tree Committee – update – Dick Holmes talked to Dave Edkins, after research they decided that the CCC cannot legally take on money for the Tree Committee, only the Heritage Commission can do it.
- 4) F.E.R.C. update – Dick Holmes forwarded a copy of Charlestown’s NRI and a letter requesting the Great Meadows and Lower meadows be put under easement.
- 5) Appointments – Steve Dumont will send a letter to the Selectboard requesting that Jim Fowler and Steve Dumont be appointed to the CCC.
- 6) Correspondence – Steve Dumont reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) town wetlands permit on Sullivan street ditch respiration amendment to include cleaning of sediment on the downstream side of Sullivan street. Plan was to blow the sediment back under Sullivan street, let it settle and clean it up on the upper side of the street. CCC agreed with plan.
- 7) Other Business
 - a) Jim Fowler discussed the Nature Trail lot. He removed the snowmobile signs from the old trail off RT12 through the property. The trail has not been used for ten years or more and numerous trees are down and the bridge gone.
 - b) annual dues – motion made and passed to pay dues.
 - c) Adopt-a-highway – 6 April, 8 A.M.
 - d) GreenUp Day 4 May

- e) Steve Neill requested clarification from Jim Fowler on an email he sent asking thoughts on combining the town lots into one lot in Halls Pond Forest and Reservoir Lot Forest. Town has Halls Pond Lot listed as three lots and the Reservoir lot as two. Much Discussion.

adjourned; 8:56 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary
minutes accepted by Steve Dumont chair

Steve Dumont

date