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Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 21 Jan 2013

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

Guest Present: Peter Rhoades

called to order 7:11 P.M. by Steve Dumont chair

Minutes of 17 Dec 2012 approved as written

- 1) Peter Rhoades
 - a) Forest Management Plan – Halls Pond Forest – Peter Rhoades and Steve Dumont walked the trail two months ago. Mr. Rhoades gave some of the history of the forest. Last management plan made 1999, last cut 2004. Plan called for a cut for section 6 and by 2010 plot 3A. After discussion, CCC decided Mr. Rhoades to make a preliminary update to plan and members will walk the forest with him at a later date.
 - b) Reservoir Lot – Peter Rhoades gave history of forest. A preliminary plan was made in 2000, last cut 2001. Peter Rhoades will put the forest on his schedule. Needs a full Management Plan.
 - c) South Charlestown wetlands violations from last meeting – Peter Rhoades updated CCC on logging operation with wetlands violation. He discussed problems with owner. Logging was finished for the year.
- 2) Hubbard Hill State Forest encroachment – Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler and Ing Seaboyer walked the illegal trail and found the house it leads from. Ms. Seaboyer brought a crew in and they dropped trees across where the trail entered the state forest and where it met the snowmobile trail.
- 3) Library book money – done
- 4) Tree Committee – Jim Fowler, member of the Tree Committee, briefed CCC on problems the Tree Committee was having with the Heritage Commission. The Tree Committee asks to be a sub-committee of the CCC and have a bank account under the CCC. Much discussion. CCC likes the idea but won't officially accept it until CCC knows more of the intentions of the Tree Committee an understanding of how they operate. Members of CCC mentioned some concerns on the operation of the Committee which Jim Fowler will bring back to the Committee.
- 5) Correspondence – Steve Dumont reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) approval of Dean Flat expedited wetlands application
 - b) approval of Camp Good News forestry
- 6) Other business
 - a) Jim Fowler asked if CCC could get copies or notification of intent to cut applications. Steve Neill to ask.
 - b) Dick Holmes made a motion, as soon as money becomes available CCC pay Donny Hyder \$75 for last years mowing of Great Meadows trail.

Approved.

adjourned 9:15 A. M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes accepted by Steve Dumont chair

Steve Dumont date