

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 17 Mar 14

Members present: Steve Dumont, Jim Fowler, Mike Francis, Steve Neill (ex officio)

Alternate members present: Dick Lincourt

Guests present: Steve Clark, Hank Clark, Aaron Eames

Called to order 7:04 P.M. by Steve Dumont (chair)

Dick Lincourt seated for Dick Holmes

Minutes of 17 Feb 14 approved as written

- 1) Clark's Lumber – Steve Dumont mentioned that our town Forests' Management Plans are out of date and we cannot plan a cut at this time. Steve Clark mentioned that they are interested in small cuts only. Their method is that they do a small cut, take the wood to the buyer and town gets the check. We pay Clark's Lumber according to the contract. Steve Dumont and Steve Neill discussed procedures for bid process. Steve Clark and Steve Neill discussed insurance requirements, including Workmans' Comp. Steve Clark and Jim Fowler discussed last time the Reservoir Lot and Halls Pond Lot had been cut. Steve Clark questioned why if we have a permanent contract with a forester, the town can not have a similar arrangement with a logger. Dick Lincourt mentioned that there's a lot of difference between the two. Steve Neill told us that the town forester also checks all intent to cut logging operations. Much discussion. Steve Clark asked about other town forests. When Steve Dumont mentioned Sam Hills Forest, Steve Clark said he could get access to the landlocked forest, through an in-laws property. More discussion. Steve Dumont will get back to Steve Clark on dates the last time the town lots were cut and the specifics for those cuts.
- 2) NHACC – motion made, seconded and passed to pay our \$275 annual fees.
- 3) Membership – Steve Dumont sent a request to the Selectboard to renew Mike Francis, and move Dick Lincourt to full member. He will send an email to make Aaron Eames alternate.
- 4) Correspondence – Steve Dumont reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
  - a) intent to cut on Caryl Lane
  - b) intent to cut on Taylor Hill Road

adjourned 8:11 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes accepted by Steve Dumont chair

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Steve Dumont                      date