

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 19 January 2015

Members Present: Dick Lincourt, Jim Fowler, Steve Dumont, Dick Holmes

Called to order 7:06 P.M. by Steve Dumont chair

Minutes of 17 Nov 14 approved as written

Minutes of 15 Dec 14 approved as written

- 1) Peter Rhodes/Town Forest – Peter Rhodes called Steve Dumont to tell him that he was thinking of retiring and is backed up in work, and likely will not get to our Town Forest Management Plans. He will still be the town forester and check on intents to cut, but no longer do Management Plans. He sent Steve Dumont information on Bay State Forestry. Steve Dumont sent them an email. They have not responded. Steve Dumont will try to arrange them to attend the ConCom’s next meeting.
- 2) Annual Town Report – Steve Dumont to work on.
- 3) Correspondence – Steve Dumont reviewed correspondence received since last meeting to include:
  - a) two intent to cuts: RT Frizzell, off Old Claremont Road, Nancy Putnam off Meany Road.
- 4) Con Com members renewal – Gabe Bailey, Chris Hemingway, Dick Holmes. Dick Holmes said he will renew. Steve Dumont to contact others.
- 5) Other Business
  - a) Jim Fowler mentioned Great Meadow Trail and the amount of grape vines and bittersweet destroying trees. After discussion it was decided to set up training on controlling bittersweet by Lionel Chute, Sullivan County Conservation District. Other groups will be notified and publicity will be sent out for a March session. Steve Dumont will contact Lionel Chute and set up a date. We decided on Saturday, 21 Feb at 1 PM with as a workday to cut grapevines. A snow-day will be the following Sunday.

Adjourned 7:50 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler

Minutes accepted by Steve Dumont chair

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Steve Dumont

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