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Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 18 Apr 16

Members present: Jim Fowler, Dick Holmes, Dick Lincourt, Steve Neill (ex officio)

Guest Present: Jeff Snitkin: Bay State Forester

Called to order: 7:02 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Minutes of 21 Mar 16 approved as written

- 1) Forest Management Plans – Discussion with Jeff Snitkins. Halls Pond, 11 trees on/near dam need to be included in the cut. Jim went with Dave Duquette to mark trees too close to foot of dam. Jeff will contact neighbors. Discussion on roads to take the logs out of the forest. Cannot come onto North Hemlock from Burroughs Road as there's a bad bridge/culvert at the end of Burroughs Road. CCC decided to cut Stands 1 and 2 on the Management Plan Map, to be done in the dry season or the winter. Discussion on Stand 4 as mostly pulp wood. According to forester we need to wait until the market improves for pulp wood. Halls Pond invasive species: multiflora rose by access road, and on the earthen dam.

Reservoir Lot – Forester thinks we need to put our priority on Stand 1 with good quality pine. He will check feasibility of including stands 3 and 4 in the cut. May be too many acres for the type of cutting. Plan to cut at least stand 1 and possibly 3 this winter. Invasive species in the Reservoir Lot are along the Old Acworth Stage Road.

CCC and forester held a discussion of the forester doing a walk through the Reservoir Lot cut with town folks explaining the process. CCC decided it was a good idea. He will likely include the county forester on the walk.

- 2) CT River State Forest Timber Sales meeting with town reps and state foresters – Jim and Steve briefed CCC of the results of the meeting. State still undecided which direction the trucks will go out Lamb Road. The state visited the access roads with Keith Weed of the Highway Dept. Town has some issues with culverts and bridges on some of the roads.
- 3) Adopt-a-Highway clean-up – scheduled for Sat. 30 April, 8:00 AM Fire Station.
- 4) GreenUp Day – scheduled for Sat. 7 May, 8:00 AM Fire Station. Jim handed out flyers, will get some posted through town. Dick H will put up the sandwich board and talk to Fire Dept, Ralphs and Village Pizza, Jim will talk to Emma's, Jiffy Mart, and Dollar General. Steve will talk to Highway Dept.
- 5) Work Day – Jim briefed CCC on the condition of the Hubbard Hill State Forest trail. Some ATVs drove down it, damaged wets with ruts, smashed up two bridges. Also two trees down. Decided to walk out and cut up the trees, then others can see the damage.
- 6) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting, including:
 - a) approval of wetlands permit for repair of the Cheshire Bridge's abutment.
 - b) Three intents to cut – Meany Road, Acworth Road and North Charlestown Flight Park.
 - c) Three intents to excavate – St' Pierre's.
- 7) Other Business
 - a) Ruth Pratt attended the seminar put on the Cooperative Extension. She went to classes on 1) Vernal pool workshop, 2) siting solar panels, 3) Writing grants. Motion made and passed to reimburse Ruth \$60 for the workshops.

- b) Dick L asked if anyone has heard from Dave Streeter. Dick and Jim visited him discussing metal trail kiosks. Dick sent him some pictures of a kiosk. He was supposed to get back to us.

Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes

Dick Holmes

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