

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 21 Mar 16

Members Present: Jim Fowler, Dick Lincourt, Gabe Bailey, Dick Holmes,
Steve Neill (ex officio)

Quests Present: Keith Weed (Highway Dept), Shawn Stevens (teacher 7th grade)

Called to order 7:00 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Minutes of 15 Feb 16 approved as written

- 1) Shawn Stevens – Jr High project – Mr. Stevens briefed CCC that he wants to apply for a grant on Climate Change Preparation. A project involving the students and the town. He thinks that it quite a wide subject area. He brought the idea of culverts up with the Selectboard. Discussion on culverts. CCC thinks culverts would be an excellent subject for study. Keith Weed also thinks culverts are a good choice. He has a database on town culverts. Mr. Stevens agreed on culverts and will work on the grant application. He will send copies to CCC and Mr. Weed for our comments.
- 2) NHACC dues – motion made and passed to pay our dues of \$333.
- 3) Forest Management Plans – Dick Holmes sent an email to Bay State telling them we found the management plans to be outstanding. A rep will attend April meeting to answer our questions and start the process of a cut.
- 4) Halls Pond dam trees – Dave Duquette will meet with members of the CCC at 1 PM on Wednesday the 23rd at Halls Pond to show us the trees. Jim Fowler will attend, Dick Holmes will if he can.
- 5) Halls Pond kiosk – Dick Holmes measured the kiosk at the Nature trail and sent the dimensions to Meadowbrook Sheet-metal. Dick Lincourt will contact Mr. Streeter and set up a time we can meet and discuss specifics and get a cost.
- 6) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) Jim McClammer corrected the wetlands application from the Gun Club and they received permission to install the telephone pole in the swamp.
 - b) Kenny Champney's minimum wetlands application was turned down for not enough information
 - c) two intents to cut – Chris Hemingway and Putnam Farms
 - d) two intents to excavate – Norm Beaudry off Unity Stage Road, and Norm and Mike off North Hemlock Road.
- 7) Other business –
 - a) Keith Weed mentioned that the state will be meeting with the town on Thursday the 24th at 1PM to discuss the cut in the Connecticut State Forest and direction on how to get the trucks out of the forest. At the last meeting they were going south on Lamb Road, now it seems they want to come north on Lamb Road. Dick Holmes and Jim Fowler will attend the meeting.
 - b) Jim Fowler mentioned repair of the kiosk at the Reservoir Lot which was snapped off its posts by a fallen tree. Work day set up for 2 April at 10 AM. Mr. Fowler will obtain repair materials.

Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

date