

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 20 Nov 17

Members Present: Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler, Dick Lincourt, Mike Francis

Alternate Members Present: Sue Ann Forcier

Guests Present: Dean Bascom, Donna Bascom

Called to order 6:57 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Sue Ann Forcier seated in place of Ruth Pratt

Minutes of 18 Sep 17 could not be approved as members present as the meeting not present

Minutes of 16 Oct approved as corrected

- 1) NHACC reports and approval of mileage – Sue Forcier attended Fundamentals of Conservation Commission, Efforts to Protect Natural Resources, Introduction to Trail Finder. Discussion of what she learned. Dick Holmes attended Nuts and Bolts of Forest Management, Grant Writing, Fundamentals of Potential Easement Violations. Discussion of what he learned. Motion made and passed to pay Dick Holmes mileage for 130.1 miles.
- 2) Trail clearing – Jim Fowler stated that he, Dick Lincourt, Ruth Pratt, Gabe Bailey and son cleared fallen trees off Halls Pond Trail, and he and Dick Holmes cleared Reservoir Lot Trail and the Connecticut State Forest Trail. Jim Fowler also did some work on the Great Meadow Trail.
- 3) LCIP monitoring report – Dick Holmes, Dick Lincourt and Jim Fowler completed monitoring of easement properties. Reports have been sent to state. Dick Holmes will send a letter to easement property owners about remarking boundaries.
- 4) Warrant Article for NSCS work for Reservoir Lot – Town’s attorney told us that if we lease the lot to Bay State Forestry for over a year we will need to present a warrant at a town meeting. Discussion on our purpose for doing this. Dick Holmes sent a letter to Jeff Snitkin of Bay State asking for acres in later cut and explanation of the lawyer’s report. Jeff responded the cut is 110 acres or we could do the whole lot. How long it will take will depend on acreage. Much discussion. Decided to try for the NRCS funding and Dick Holmes will write a warrant article.
- 5) Possible Springfield Road Conservation Easement – Farmland between Route 11 and river, owned by Putnam Farms. Dick Holmes approached Ted Putnam and gave him our proposal. They will talk it over. Discussion.
- 6) Correspondence – Received DEs approval for our Reservoir Lot logging. Intent to cut by Morningside.
- 7) Other Business –
  - a. Ted Putnam asked if they needed a Wetlands Permit to clear a ditch near the RT 12/RT12A junction. Dick Holmes told him yes, it would be better.
  - b. Jim Holmes and Dick Lincourt mentioned a work day to clear vines from the Great Meadow trail trees and bushes. Sat 2 Dec 9 AM
  - c. Donna and Dean Bascom both volunteered to join the Conservation Commission as alternates. Dick Holmes to draft letter to Selectboard asking for their appointment.

adjourned 8:00

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler

Minutes approved by Dick Holmes

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Dick Holmes

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