

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 17 Sep 18

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

Alternate Members Present: Dean Bascom, Sue Forcier

Called to order 7 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Sue Forcier seated for Ruth Pratt. Dean Bascom seated for Gabe Bailey

Minutes of 20 Aug 18 approved as amended

1. South Hemlock Town Forest – Dick Holmes sent a note to Jeff Snitkin who said he'd be ready to visit the forest in two or three weeks. Meeting set up for Friday the 21st. Dick Holmes to talk to Travis Royce. Need him to show Jeff the back way into the forest. Jeff said he'd have a Forest Management Plan by late fall to early winter.
 - a) Dick Holmes talked to Neil Rice about crossing his land with a hiking trail. He'll think about it. Discussion. Dick also noticed that using that as an access would have limited parking along the road.
2. Reservoir Lot Camping issue – Jim Fowler brought a copy of an ordinance from Freedom NH. Discussion. Steve Neill told us that the Selectboard could approve the ordinance. Steve also wants the ordinance run by Dave Duquette. Jim to handle.
3. Bacon/Nature Trail property – The Bacon's are interested in selling. The property must be listed and someone make a legitimate offer before the town can make a counter offer using their Right of First Refusal. Once the property is listed and a price on the table we will discuss again.
4. Fling Road Dam – Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler, and Steve Neill met with two people from the Dam Bureau. They explained that even if they think it's possible the dam doesn't need more breaching that it might if someone builds a house downstream. Discussion. The dam bureau people measured and studied the area and brook. Are supposed to be back to us by next meeting.
5. Resignation and Appointments – Mike Francis sent in his resignation letter. Sue Forcier moved up to full member of the Conservation Commission. Dick Holmes to send a letter to the Selectboard.
6. Correspondence – a) letter from the Tree Farm Program. Time for us to renew. Jeff Snitkin to take care of. b) Invasive Species Workshop 6 Oct, Richardson Road, Charlestown.
7. Other Business
 - a) Adopt-a-Highway – 29 Sep
 - b) Dean Bascom attended an Acworth Conservation Commission meeting – people are angry an easement landowner posted his property. Discussion.
 - c) NHACC training – Jim Fowler handed out printouts of the lecture series. Members may sign up and be reimbursed by the town.
 - d) Jim Fowler brought up Beaver Brook and how it still runs while other brooks are dry. It is also full of algae. Discussion.

Adjourned: 8:13 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

date