

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 20 Aug 18

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

Alternate Members Present: Dean Bascom, Sue Forcier

Guests Present: Vic St. Pierre

Called to order 7:03 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Dean Bascom and Sue Forcier seated in place of Ruth Pratt and Michael Francis

Minutes of 16 Jul 18 approved as corrected

- 1) South Hemlock Town Forest – Travis Royce has flagged the unmarked boundaries of the town forest. Mr. St. Pierre gave us the history of his piano key lot that abuts the forest. He also owns a lot abutting that lot. ConCom plans on bringing in our forester to make a Forest Management Plan of the town forest. Mr. St. Pierre told us he plans on selling the lot once he gets it cleaned up and a road built. He also asks how wide an access we require. Discussion. Decided to get input from our forester about how wide a road we need for logging. Mr. St. Pierre mentioned that once the road is built and he uses the lot to log the adjacent lot, he plans on selling the lot. Discussion. Motion made and passed to contact the forester to draw up a Forest Management Plan. Will go further from there.
 - a) Dick Holmes mentioned another adjacent lot owned by Neil Rice which we may be able to use for access. Dick Holmes to talk to land owner.
- 2) Reservoir Lot camping issue – Dick Holmes talked to the police department. There is no town ordinance against camping in town forests. Dick Lincourt to bring up to the Planning Board on how we get an ordinance. The police will keep an eye on parking around the town forests.
- 3) USDA project in Reservoir Lot – We did not get the grant for this year. They are pleased with our submittal and asked us to submit next year. We will go ahead and restart the process. Forester to send us the paperwork for signature.
- 4) Bacon/Nature Trail – Travis Royce contacted Dick Holmes. The Bacons approached the town on plans to sell the property. Town has the right of first refusal. Discussion. The history of the lot tells us that DES wants the dam breached. But over the years the dam has breached itself. Dick Lincourt will contact DES to see if the dam needs more. Discussion on the history of the property. Until the Bacons give us a price we will wait.
- 5) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
 - a) letter from DES to Albert St. Pierre with a list of questions for more information on his wetlands application in North Charlestown. Much discussion.
- 6) Other Business:
 - a) At UVLT training attended by Dick Holmes and Jim Fowler in February, they gave UVLT three names for possible easements. At no response from UVLT, Dick Holmes contacted them. They talked to the three people but have not as of yet received an answer.
 - b) Dean Bascom provided a flyer for a series of classes on invasive species. One class will be held in Charlestown at Richardson Road. Oct 6th 9-12.
 - c) Dick Lincourt researched the next NHACC annual meeting. Will forward links.
 - d) Jim Fowler talked about signs to label town trails. Gabe Bailey said he and a friend would make them for us.

Adjourned 8:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary
Minutes approved by Dick Holmes chair

Dick Holmes

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