

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 21 Jan 19  
Members present; Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler, Dick Lincourt  
Alternate Members Present: Dean Bascom  
Called to order 7:00 PM by Dick Holmes chair  
Dean Bascom seated in place of Ruth Pratt  
Minutes of 17 Dec 18 approved as written

- 1) Sams Hill Town Forest – No update from Vic St Pierre. Jeff Snitkin, our forester, has walked the lot. /dick Lincourt provided the ConCom a copy of the deed for the lot.
- 2) Town Forest Ordinance - Much discussion on changes suggested at public session. Motion made to approve the ordinance with one change to section 4E. Represented to the Selectboard 3<sup>rd</sup> week in February.
- 3) Reservoir Lot timber sale - Dick Holmes showed copies of emails with Jeff Snitkin. The logger wants to renegotiate the price for pine in the contract. This is because the mill the logger had been delivering to is not accepting pine at this time. The alternate mill pays less for pine but grades more favorably. The alternative would be to harvest the pine next year, in hopes of higher prices. This was deemed unfavorable as more timber, especially downed trees, could be lost to rot. Motion made and passed to accept the new price. We need to take the change to the contract to the Selectboard.
- 4) Reservoir Lot NRCS Equip work – new papers have been signed by the Selectboard been forwarded to Jeff Snitkin.
- 5) Annual Town Report = copies passed around. Discussion.
- 6) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting including:
  - a) Halls Pond Forest as a Tree Farm up for renewal. It has been recertified. Discussion about obtaining Tree Farm signs and posting them at the trail heads. We agreed to look into this.
  - b) Connecticut River State Forest logging renewal notification.
- 7) Other business – Jim fowler mentioned Our Town articles he is writing on the town hiking trails.

Adjourned: 7:50 PM

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

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Dick Holmes

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