

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2015

Members Present: Erick Berglund, Deb Campelia, Wes Golomb, Kate Hartnett, Dave Linden
Members Absent: Jim Deely, Serita Frey, Wes Golomb
Visitors: Frank Mitchell

In the absence of Chair Serita Frey, acting Chair Kate Hartnett called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Frank Mitchell from Bear-Paw Regional Greenways presented the DCC with a set of the Bear-Paw *2014 Natural Resources Inventory Maps* which identify priority areas across the eleven towns in which Bear-Paw has completed land protection projects. A map specifically identifying priority areas in Deerfield was included. Mr. Mitchell agreed to **forward the corresponding report, which is pending, and return in July with an update.** It was suggested that a comparison of Deerfield's *Open Space Plan* with the Bear-Paw maps might prove interesting. The members engaged in discussion of the need for utilizing the *Open Space Plan* when working with developers.

Frank Mitchell noted that he had been asked by Deerfield Parks and Recreation Department to lead a **walk through the Lindsay-Flanders Conservation Area** as part of the Deerfield Old Home Days festivities scheduled for **August 15th.**

Deb Campelia reported that she had recently participated in two workshops; one on easement monitoring and the second on navigating with map and compass. Bear-Paw partnered with the New England Stewardship Network in cooperation with UNH Cooperative Extension to sponsor the event

Frank Mitchell informed the members that he will work with Dave Linden in an **attempt to positively identify a potential stand of *Phragmites*, located either on the Linden land or the Lindsay-Flanders Conservation Area.** The water level was too high to reach the area; however, a canoe could possibly be used to access the spot. Mr. Mitchell also noted that a beaver lodge has been built over the area. Also mentioned was the *Japanese Knotweed* proliferating on the roadsides of both Meetinghouse Hill and Mt. Delight Roads. It was noted that either cutting or attempts to move/push back the invasive can encourage it to spread.

Approval of Minutes: The **minutes of the May 11th meeting** were clarified and revised as follows:

With respect to the *Fall Workshop*, it was clarified that ***all members were encouraged to attend.***

With respect to *Solar Up New Hampshire*, the following change was made to the line on page four:

Kate Hartnett noted that renewables were the third step ~~after addressing energy efficiencies, and updates to lighting and refrigeration~~ ***after Step (1) improving the envelope, and Step (2) getting the most efficient lighting and appliances including refrigeration.***

Erick Berglund moved and Deb Campelia seconded the motion to approve the minutes as clarified and revised. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance: Erick Berglund reported that as of April 30th the Conservation Fund had a **balance of \$229,447.21** which included **interest in the amount of \$27.03** and **First Quarter 2015 Land Use Change Tax revenue of \$21,750.** Mr. Berglund also noted **that budget preparation for 2016** has begun.

Town Forest Protection: Serita Frey was not present to give an update on the **estimate for a survey to be conducted on the Edythe H. Boisvert Town Forest, Map 404 Lot 2.**

Land Conservation: Nothing to report this month.

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Phragmites: As previously noted, Dave Linden and Frank Mitchell will attempt to **confirm a potential stand located on either the Linden or Lindsay-Flanders parcel**. Kate Hartnett reported that she had prepared a **letter along with a list of qualified herbicide contractors** which was e-mailed to the landowner of the affected property on Route 43. Serita Frey will follow up with the resident.

Easement Monitoring: Deb Campelia reviewed the results of her recent **monitoring of the Curry LCIP easement** and passed on the paperwork to be forwarded to the state.

Solar Up New Hampshire: Erick Berglund gave the report on behalf of Wes Golomb. Mr. Berglund noted that Deerfield and Candia comprise a *unit* in the *Solar Up* program, and that **Granite State Solar has been selected as the official installer**. Increased participation is expected to result in lower cost in the tiered pricing structure.

Northern Pass Project: Erick Berglund reported that he attended an **informational meeting in Easton, NH** on June 7th in preparation for the site evaluation phase of the proposed Northern Pass project. Mr. Berglund noted that **affected landowners can apply to participate as interveners in the SEC process**. The environmental impact statement is not expected until July or later.

Regulated Wetlands: The DCC has received copies of the following:

Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification File #2015-01079 for work in Deerfield, Tax Map 413 Lot 21 owned by Christopher Gagnon, 242 Middle Rd.

Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit 2015-00985 for the Trout Unlimited project on Deerfield Map 205 Lot 2, Griffin Rd owned by Alan Barton.

A Standard Review Permit Application on behalf of the NH DOT for a *Major Impact* project on NH Route 43 over the Lamprey River in Deerfield proposing *toe wall repairs and replacement of rip-rap to prevent future scour*.

Correspondence: The DCC has received the following:

A copy of correspondence from the *Lamprey Rivers Advisory Committee* to the *NHDES Wetlands Bureau* acknowledging the above-referenced *NH DOT Dredge and Fill Application (File # 2015-01287)*

An invitation to the Bear-Paw Open House, Saturday, June 20th from 7 to 9 PM to be held at 32 Mountain Rd. RSVP's requested to Dan at 463-9400 or at info@bear-paw.org.

Notification of NH DES requesting pre-proposals for DES Watershed Grants having a deadline of July 17th, - available at <http://tinyurl.com/DESGrants>.

Kate Hartnett adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

The Next Meeting is Scheduled for Monday, July 13th

(Please check the website for scheduling changes)
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The draft minutes were prepared and submitted by Judy Marshall. Final revisions to these minutes will be contained in the minutes of the following meeting, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission