

Fracestown Conservation Commission
Fracestown, NH
Approved Minutes

June 4, 2012- 7:30PM at town office meeting room

Members present; Betsy Hardwick, BJ Carbee, Polly Freese, Kris Holmes, Chris Danforth, Don Shuffleton, Don Crooker

Meeting came to order at 7:42PM

Announcements and Notices- Hardwick noted that the seedlings which were given out at FES were not Nannyberry. They were High Bush Cranberry. Both are in the viburnum family.

Pete Throop sent information on upcoming workshops which Hardwick has passed along to everyone.

Minutes- Minutes for May 7, 2012 were approved.

New Business-

C K Danforth on Crotched Mountain wetlands permit- Danforth reported on an unplanned occurrence of the Crotched Mountain project. As they were almost finished blasting for the new terminal area, they realized that there was not enough runout for unloading from the lift. They want to add 50 ft. of fill to lengthen the runout area. This will encroach on a nearby wetland which has a vernal pool. It may be possible to mitigate this problem by creating a new vernal pool. The board agreed that mitigation will be necessary. Danforth will make the recommendation to mitigate this problem.

Q2C Grant- Hardwick reported that \$13,000 had been applied for the Arnold easement (between the Shattuck and Dinsmore easements). The Arnold easement has been finalized and all required reports have been submitted. When this Grant money is received, it will be used to reimburse FLT and the Arnolds.

ARM Grant- Hardwick reported that we have received the final \$1000 from this grant for restoration mitigation; cutting pines and removing pasture roses from the Rand Brook Confluence property.

Current Use Penalties- Hardwick reported that Con Com will be receiving \$8000 at the end of this year from current use penalties.

Conservation Action Plan- Hardwick reported that Lisa Murphy had the understanding that ConCom was going to take the Conservation Action Plan to the Planning Board in June to get their approval. The board agreed that there was miscommunication between ConCom and Lisa Murphy. We need to wait until the NRI is complete before presenting the Conservation Action Plan to the PB. Hardwick will clarify this with Lisa Murphy.

Annual Election of Officers-

Carbee nominated Hardwick for position of Chair, Crooker 2nd, All in Favor.

Freese nominated Holmes for Funds Monitor/Clerk, Carbee 2nd, All in Favor.

Holmes nominated Crooker for Vice-Chair, Carbee 2nd, All in Favor.

Old Business- Bridge on Link Trail- Hardwick reported that the Link Bridge has a couple of rotted boards. This will be addressed as soon as possible. Crooker volunteered to replace the boards so that the bridge is safe for now. Hardwick will research where we might be able to get old salvaged steel beams to rebuild the bridge. This project will most likely be done next year.

Conservation Plan Status Report- Many responses have been received from the surveys sent out. The next step will be Pete Throop will review the additions made to the Natural Resource Inventory Maps, finalize the data and print the final maps. Then Pete will put together the written portion of the report and will develop a map of conservation priority areas based on the survey results. During June and July, he will work on the water quality resource maps. The Natural Resource Inventory should be done by the end of this summer. The final report will be complete sometime between the end of this year and next summer.

Invasive Species Management; Rand Brook project/ CM- No further progress has been made as we still need to locate NH licensed agents who can do the treatments.

Danforth brought up the need to do something about the Autumn Olive on the CM easement. Hardwick reported that Linda Kunhardt is looking into a plan to eradicate the Autumn Olive and there may be some grant money available to help with this.

CM Foundation letter of compliance received- Hardwick reported that a letter of compliance was received by ConCom regarding the deficiency found in 2009. A walkway had been constructed through a wetland without a permit.

Crooker motioned to adjourn meeting, Danforth 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM

Minutes by Kris Holmes