

Francestown Conservation Commission
Francestown, NH

Approved Minutes

November 5, 2012- 7:30PM at the town office meeting room

Members present; Jenna McClary, Betsy Hardwick, Kris Holmes, BJ Carbee, Don Crooker

Meeting called to order 7:36PM

New Business-

We received the 2nd invoice for the NRI/ Conservation Plan in the amount of \$3,300.00. Crooker motioned to approve making the payment. Carbee seconded. All in favor to pay the amount of \$3,300.00 to Monadnock Conservancy.

A letter was received from Harry Woodbury regarding the Lakehost program. The letter asks for the Conservation Commission to support the warrant article about this program. Betsy will e-mail the letter to Commission members to read and we will discuss this topic at our next meeting.

Hardwick and Holmes attended the annual NHACC meeting and reported taking several interesting classes. Hardwick distributed booklets about stormwater management on private property and there was brief discussion about the projects listed in the booklet which homeowners could do on their own. Hardwick also reported that there will be a new NH water quality report available in the near future.

Old Business-

Ron Klemarczyk was in attendance to discuss formulating a new CM town forest management plan. The board agreed they would like to have an inventory of parcel boundaries, soil conditions, areas of special interest and any disease infestation areas. Betsy will send Klemarczyk our most up to date map of the town forest that was done by Ben Haubrich. This map was created using GPS and includes trails and cellar holes on the parcel. The board agreed to have Klemarczyk develop a plan and to spend \$5,300.00-\$5,800.00 and not to exceed \$5,800.00. Ron would like to begin this project in December. The board unanimously agreed on the price and to have Ron Klemarczyk go ahead and begin the project.

Shattuck Pond timber harvest-Hardwick noted that the harvest was nicely done and let Ron Klemarczyk know that it was a job well done. She also reported that, after all expenses, we made about \$3000.00 more than originally expected.

Bridge on Link Trail- Hardwick reported that she saw a bridge in the White Mountains that was constructed using bitchathane over the base logs which separated them from the overlay planks to prevent the 'wood on wood' decomposition of the logs. There was discussion again about the possibility of using old telephone poles as a base for the bridge. Crooker will contact our regional PSNH office to ask about the availability of old telephone poles for this bridge project.

Conservation Plan Subcommittee Status Report-

The subcommittee is still reviewing the maps and making corrections before the finals are drawn up.

Other Business-

Crooker reported that he had reached a dead end on finding pesticide applicators for the Stewart easement invasive species work. Hardwick reported that she had found some information at the NHACC meeting and recommended he contact Kerry Rickrod at Hillsborough County NRCS for names of people to contact and help with grants. She was informed that they would help us with the whole process.

Crooker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carbee seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Holmes, Secretary