

**Fracestown Conservation Commission**  
**Fracestown, NH**

**Approved Minutes**

October 1, 2012-7:30PM at town office meeting room

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

Meeting called to order 7:38PM

**Announcements and Notices:** Hardwick noted that the NH Assoc conservation commission annual workshop was being held November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH.

Hardwick also noted that Jeff Jones has a slideshow presentation that might be good to do in town. She will find out more about the presentation.

**New Business-**

CM town forest management plan- The old plan was done in 2002 and we should consider having it updated. Hardwick has spoken with Ron Klemarczyk and he will work on a new plan. We need to decide if we need a full timber harvest plan, or a general overview. The board is in favor of contacting Ron for an estimate and to ask his advice on what type of plan we should have.

**Old Business-**

Shattuck Pond timber harvest- We have received 2 checks from the timber harvest; the first on 8-29-12 in the amount of \$7,896.52, and the second on 9-12-12 in the amount of \$2,125.48. The improvements to the road have made it very passable now for our access for monitoring.

Bridge on Link Trail- This bridge will need to be replaced next year. Jeff and Betsy have done some repairs to support temporarily. It will need 35 ft length beams to allow for good support onto the banks. Hardwick suggested using steel beams (recycled) and then covering it with either wood or synthetic platform boards. There was discussion of the pros and cons of the synthetic materials. They are long lasting, but can be slippery. They are also available with a textured surface which might give better footing. If steel beams are not available, wood beams could be used again, or possibly telephone poles. Hardwick will inquire about different available options for this project.

Conservation Plan Subcommittee Status Report- The group is meeting once a month working on maps and finalizing information for the NRI. Pete Throop has added structures to the maps. The committee has also added several streams to the maps that did not show up on the USGS maps.

Piscataquog River 'Plans' to Planning Board- Lisa Murphy is going to the October 16<sup>th</sup> PB meeting with the Rep from PERLAC in support of the Piscataquog Watershed Land conservation plan and Piscataquog River management plan. ConCom members are encouraged to attend this meeting to support adoption of the plans.

Avery Brook/Miller Project- Barry Wicklow has submitted information for the ARM grant and the committee is coming to do a walk through.

Brennan Brook Project- The appraisal has been completed by Scot Heath. The offer made to Schott took into consideration reduced value if a timber harvest was done prior to sale.

Conservation Easement Monitoring Walk- Board will meet October 28<sup>th</sup> at the town offices at noon.

Minutes of August 6, 2012 were accepted as amended.

Crooker thanked Holmes for writing the minutes. Shuffleton also expressed appreciation for Holmes writing the minutes.

Shuffleton motioned to adjourn meeting. Crooker seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holmes, Secretary