

Francestown Conservation Commission

Francestown, NH

Approved Minutes

April 1, 2013, 7:30PM at Town Office meeting room

Members present: Polly Freese, Kris Holmes, BJ Carbee, Betsy Hardwick, Jenna McClary, Don Shuffleton, Don Crooker

Meeting came to order at 7:30

Announcements and Notices

Hardwick informed the board about NH fish and Game Wild Days on April 20th at Fish and Game headquarters, Hazen Dr, Concord.

New Business

Stephen Leavitt came before the board to request permission to trap on the Shattuck Pond easement and answer questions posed by the board. He is licensed WCO2. He is primarily interested in trapping beaver and explained the methods he would use. The beaver trapping season runs from November 1, 2013-April 10, 2014. He gave an informative talk, and gave the board members literature about trapping. Hardwick suggested that CM town forest might be better for trapping beaver and Stephen stated that he might be interested in trapping in that area also. The board unanimously gave permission for him to trap and he will need to check back in the fall for a signed permission slip.

Election of Officers- Carbee nominated Betsy Hardwick for Chair of the board, Crooker seconded, all in favor. Hardwick nominated Kris Holmes for Secretary, Freese seconded, all in favor. Hardwick nominated Don Crooker for Vice Chair, Shuffleton seconded, all in favor.

Earth Day- The seedlings for the elementary school students have been ordered and a time for delivery will be set when they arrive. Blue bags for roadside clean-up will be available by April 19th at the Library and PO and signs will be posted for roadside clean-up April 19th-April 28th.

Old Business

Avery Brook/Miller Project-Barry Wicklow is working on grants.

Link Trail-Crooker contacted PSNH and was informed that they no longer give out the old poles. The poles are chopped up and put in hazardous waste. Crooker has names of other companies to contact.

Conservation Plan Subcommittee Status Report-Pete Throop has outline for the rough draft.

Duck Boxes-The board discussed the duck boxes, a few have tipped over. Hardwick has a 2 or 3 new ones and it might be good to install those in place of the ones which have come down.

Minutes for March 4th were accepted as amended.

Other Business

Carbee was approached by a local citizen who believed we could do a timber harvest in the town forests to earn money for the town. The board discussed the need to inform the public about the steps needed before timber harvests are done, such as creating a forest management plan. Hardwick suggested a possible public hike with Ron Klemarczyk to speak about how management plans and timber harvests work.

Holmes motioned to adjourn meeting, Hardwick seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:45PM