

Francestown Conservation Commission

Francestown, NH

Approved Minutes

August 5, 2013

Members present: Polly Freese, BJ Carbee, Betsy Hardwick, Chris Danforth, Don Shuffleton, Scott Heath, Kris Holmes

Meeting came to order at 7:35PM

New Business

Conservation Action plan for 'Taking Action for Wildlife', Fish & Game- The board agreed unanimously to adopt the plan.

Community assistance program application- The board reviewed the application, agreed to the priorities and this will be submitted.

Hampshire 100 race- They have contacted us to make sure we are still ok with use of the trails in the Town Forest. They have sent their Certificate of Insurance to the town and have already contacted emergency personnel in preparation for the event.

Fall Hike with Ron Klemarczyk- The board agreed to set the date for October 6th for the hike. Hardwick suggested that the hike be held at the Shattuck timber harvest area.

Old Business

NRI Conservation plan- The committee is working on the final draft and it is almost completed.

H. Miller/ FLT Project- Shuffleton, Crooker and Hardwick walked the property with Ben Haubrich. FLT would like support of ConCom on this project. They are applying for an LCHIP grant. Hardwick suggested a way for us to contribute might be to purchase an access easement for the Dinsmore property for parking/general access/trail access. We would want a deeded easement. The board agreed we are willing to contribute \$7500 in exchange for a deeded general access/parking/ recreational trail easement with a deeded easement. The board also agreed to send FLT a general letter of support for the project.

Brennan Brook/Bullard Hill Project- The Land Trust and PLC have been in contact with John Schott and he seems ready to move forward at this time.

Pedestrian Bridge on Link Trail- We are waiting on the telephone poles. They are being delivered to the trailhead. Hardwick will check on this.

Invasive Species Control Project- A signed notice was sent to Jeff Taylor and a follow up is needed to make sure he received it.

CM Town Forest Management Plan- Ron Klemarczyk sent the plan to Hardwick. Carbee will scan it and send it to all board members for review.

Other Business

September 21st- The Heritage Commission is organizing a town wide event and inviting all organizations to have a booth or table to introduce their organization to the community and also to allow people to tour the town hall and see the work which has been done so far. Hardwick will try to get some of the Wildlife Action Plan habitat brochures for handouts for the event.

Hardwick informed the board that there would be an invoice coming from SPNHF in the amount of \$10,000. Heath made a motion to authorize expenditure of \$10,000 from the Conservation fund to SPNHF when we receive the invoice. Freese seconded. All in favor.

Minutes from July 1, 2013 were approved as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM

Respectfully submitted, Kris Holmes