

Fracestown Conservation Commission

Fracestown, NH

Approved Minutes

November 4, 2013

Members present: Don Shuffleton, Betsy Hardwick, Kris Holmes, Polly Freese, Don Crooker

Community attendees: Betty Behrsing, Janet Quilty

Meeting came to order at 7:05PM

New Business

Amanda Stone, from NH Fish & Game Community Assistance Program, attended to speak about ways we could implement our Wildlife Action Plan through reaching out to the community. Discussion included ways to inform property owners and public about wildlife in our area and what can be done to encourage and support their continued presence. Some ideas included: a walk on private property of a willing landowner to discuss and inform others what was important about their property that made them want to conserve it, slide presentations about various topics, use of a large laminated map posted at town meeting or other gatherings that local residents could use to mark wildlife sighting locations in town. Amanda also discussed various 'Speaking for Wildlife' programs we could schedule in town and discussed how other towns have used these resources. In addition, there are many speakers available through various organizations such as Monadnock Conservancy, Audubon Society, Forest Society (John Newt) and Harris Center (Eric Masterson).

Old Business

Walk in the Forest with Ron Klemarczyk was well attended. Ten people attended and they had not attended prior walks. They found the walk very informative.

Trapping- Stephen Leavitt has contacted Betsy H to sign the permission to trap form. Betsy H informed the board she had recently learned that trapping actually helps keep the beaver around as they don't outlive their food sources.

Trail Issues- The Dinsmore trails are in nice shape. Scott Heath, Lisa Heath, Kris Holmes and Betsy Hardwick did some branch trimming. Kris and Lenny Holmes worked on the culvert area so it is more passable. Betsy H will write an article for the Fracestown News about adopting a trail to maintain.

H. Miller Land/ FLT Project- No news to report

Brennan Brook/ Bullard Hill Project- No news to report

NRI/conservation Plan- Pete Throop has not finished the appendix for the plan, but this should be done by the end of this week (week of Nov 4, 2013)

Pedestrian Bridge on Link Trail- The poles have not arrived yet. Kris H reported that Fairpoint would also give old/broken poles and deliver to the site.

Invasive Species Control Project- We have received no invoice yet.

Announcements

'Hampshire 100' sent us a letter of appreciation for use of our trails and a check for \$100 as a thank you donation.

Other Business

Minutes for June 3, 2013 and October 7, 2013 were accepted as written.

Hardwick moved to adjourn meeting. Shuffleton seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted, Kris Holmes