

Fracestown Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes for 8-3-15

Meeting came to order shortly at 7:37 PM

Members attending; B. Hardwick, BJ Carbee, Don Crooker, Don Shuffleton, Karen Fitzgerald, alternate: P. Freese

Notices & Announcements; Hardwick noted that we received \$800.00 from LCHIP for stewardship cost reimbursement for submitting our monitoring report by the end of last year.

Minutes: P. Freese moved to accept minutes for June as written, D. Crooker seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

JHN program series: It is understood that Ted Graham of FLT will be taking the lead to coordinate the program, any ideas please contact him or Kelly Marshall.

Duck boxes replace old/new & wood duck program; No news as to status of new duck boxes, will need to contact NH Fish & Game biologist later in the year - after her busy season – if we want to do a winter program. Hardwick noted that the beavers have moved out of the upper beaver dam in the CM town forest and water is essentially drained out of that pond so we should look for an alternate location to place boxes. It was suggested that the beaver meadow near the Farrington Road trailhead on Gerri Bernstein's land may be a good location. Hardwick will contact her for permission.

Lord Forest/school science project: Need update from Kelly Marshall.

Annual Monitoring: Scot Heath has completed reports and will get them to Hardwick to submit to Steve Walker at the Office of Energy & Planning.

Updated By-Laws: Still being worked on – Crooker offered to help with formatting issues

Trail condition report; work day last month went well in spite of 90 degree temps, Hardwick, Fitzgerald, Heath, Sanderson and Brad Howell worked on trails in Dinsmore Brook; cut back main access trail and the loop trail out by the meadow. Other trails still need clipping.

New Business:

Next meeting; next regular meeting canceled due to Labor Day, may do another trail work day instead later in the month. A special meeting will be called if something comes up before the next regular meeting

Hampshire 100 Race – trail use/location: They would like permission to use an alternated route this year on hiking trails. They will post warnings for hikers the day of the race. All agreed this was OK.

Trail work day – another one to be held sometime in September instead of regular meeting

Adjourned around 8:30

Minutes by Hardwick in absence of Kris Holmes