

Fracestown Conservation Commission

Fracestown, NH

Approved Minutes

June 1, 2015

Members present: Sanderson, Carbee, Hardwick, Holmes, Heath, Shuffleton, Fitzgerald, Crooker, Marshall, Freese

Meeting came to order 7:35PM

Hardwick welcomed and introduced our newest board member Karen Fitzgerald.

Minutes-

Minutes of May 4, 2015- Heath motioned to accept as amended. Freese 2nd. All in favor.

Minutes of Special Meeting May 11, 2015- Heath motioned to accept as amended. Hardwick 2nd. All in favor.

Notices and Announcements-

Hardwick announced that FLT was holding an Arts Fest on June 20th.

Old Business-

Joan Hanchett Nature Series program- Marshall is trying to organize a meeting.

Duck Boxes- Marshall has tried to contact Scott Jenkins via email, but has not heard back. She will try to call him for an update on the boxes.

Hardwick said that in the 3rd (farthest) duck box area 3 of the 4 boxes were down. This was noticed in the winter during the duck box clean-out. She was up in the area recently and the area was dry. It is probably the end of the beaver cycle and we might want to wait a few years before replacing those boxes. We might think about putting up some boxes in the wetland area off Farrington Rd with permission of the landowner, Gerri Bernstein.

Wood Duck Program- Haley from the Coverts program has tried several sources for programs. Jessica Carlone suggested doing a winter workshop. We might ask her to come here for our next duck box clean out to see how she documents hatching/no hatching, use/no use, etc and her method of cleaning and preparing the boxes. Hardwick will get back to her.

Lord Forest- Marshall heard from Dana Wood. Dana has just had a knee replacement and is unable to get out into the woods until the fall. The trail project will be done then. Heath commented on the nice article Hardwick wrote about the Lord Forest which was published in the Frankestown News.

Short Term Conservation Action Plan- The board has reviewed the plan. Freese motioned to adopt the plan as written. Heath 2nd. All in favor, plan approved.

Annual Monitoring- Reports are completed and just need to be submitted. The Forest Society is coming to monitor the CM easement on Saturday June 6th. Heath will accompany them.

Plant ID Hike- Linda Kunhardt led the walk through George Sanderson's property and then up to Pleasant Pond and found, among other things, wild calla. The hike was enjoyed by all. Linda would like to do more hikes in the future and suggested maybe a spring and a fall hike.

Garlic Mustard- Hardwick thanked Carbee for getting the info out via email. Hardwick noted a patch at Brombergs.

Update By-Laws- Hardwick is still working on them and the board will review at the next meeting.

New Business-

Hardwick received a note from Robin Haubrich that she and Ben have cleaned up the Link Trail and up over the mountain needs a little chain saw work. Hardwick checked it and feels that as the areas are way up on top of the mountain, it is probably not worth it to drag a chain saw up there. Hikers should be able to get over the fallen trees/branches ok. She also noted that on Scot's Trail, close to the Black Gum Swamp a big tree is down and this needs chain saw work and also on the west side some yellow trail markers are gone.

Afterschool Hike- Hardwick and Holmes led the afterschool hike last Friday in the Dinsmore area and noted that the trail needs some clipping.

Next Meeting- There will be no meeting in July, but we might want to plan to do some trail work at some point, when the weather looks good. Hardwick will notify the board and will probably try for a Sunday afternoon.

Election of Officers- Hardwick asked if everyone is willing to serve for the coming year in the same offices they hold now. Hardwick-yes, Crooker- yes, Holmes- yes. Freese moved to vote in current officers to serve for the next year. Carbee 2nd. All in favor, same slate of officers will continue to serve.

Crooker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heath 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 8:29PM