

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – August 1, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm

Members Present: Betsy Hardwick, BJ Carbee, Polly Freese, Don Shuffleton, Kelly Marshall, Scot Heath

Minutes: Minutes from meeting of 6/6/16 were approved as amended.

### Notices and Announcements:

- Chair Betsy Hardwick informed the commission of a complaint received regarding camping, camp fires, and trash in multiple locations within the Shattuck Pond TF. Police Chief Douglas is monitoring.
- FLT open house of the Moulton (Cleaves) property on 8/7 at 3:00 pm (was rescheduled out of respect to the funeral of Cole Wohle).
- BOS walk of the Moulton property is scheduled for 8/15 at 5:30 pm.

### Correspondence:

- Letter received from DES regarding Kelly property on Pleasant Pond-sand deposited in pond without permits to be removed.
- Complaint received from DES (in response to a complaint they received) regarding the Town Highway Department reconstruction of Pleasant Pond Road. Issues including erosion and lack of silt fencing along wetlands are being addressed by the highway department.
- Received invasive species booklet “Picking our Battles”.
- Cell tower access road/right-of-way on Crotched Mountain now has Japanese Knotweed growing in it. Related correspondence has been sent between the SPNHF (easement holder) and the BOS. Discussion continued to DOT spreading of dirt along shoulders of Route 47; BJ will call/send personal letter to DOT.

### New Business:

- FLT subdivision of the Moulton (Cleaves) property. Proposed subdivision plan was reviewed, with related discussion. Concluded with there being no objections to the plan as proposed. Betsy to communicate conclusion to PB.
- Need for educational/informational news articles for the Francestown News. Part of the CC’s purpose is to inform and educate. Also discussed the possibility of such articles being added to the town website, and/or mailing newsletters from the CC. Consensus was to have several CC members take turns preparing relevant articles, for the Francestown News and town website. November issue target to start.

Old Business:

- Hackett wetland permit application on Pleasant Pond- nothing further has been presented.
- 2016 CC goals and objectives. Newsletter/communications; improve Quarry Trail to accommodate elderly and strollers; commence property owner communications (Heath); ongoing trail maintenance work; and, placement of pic-nic tables on the Link Trail in Crotched Mountain TF and at the bridge on the FLT Miller property (Kelly and Paul Marshall).
- Land Conservation Projects. FLT has applied to LCHIP and other sources for grants related to acquiring the Brien property. Ian McSweeney reported to Betsy nothing further is happening with Kingsbury Hill property and the NFTI property at the moment, if at all.
- Right-of-way on Crotched Mountain town property (as mentioned in correspondence too). SPNHF has determined the road work does not represent a violation of the conservation easement, and they will not be taking any action. However, the work does violate the actual access easement provision with the town. BOS should notify the easement holder.
- Storybook Walk. New one going up-30 pages!
- Joan Hanchett Series. Sue Morse presentation in November. BJ to contact Ted.
- Duck Boxes. Betsy has 3. Don S. has 3 poles. Should install while water is low.
- Updated by-laws. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM (motion made by Heath, second by Shuffleton).

Approved 10/3/16