

## Conservation Commission Minutes

December 08, 2016

In Attendance: Sharon Akers, Kurt Berna, Greg Kreider

Absent: Theresa Berna, Kris Henry, Mike Decibullis

October 13, 2016 minutes – approved.

Con Comm Current balance: \$49,334.38

### Wetlands

Sharon, Kurt and Kris participated in Wetlands discussion at the November Selectmen's meeting. Workshop focus was on education and information gathering. The discussion will continue at 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2016 (date to be confirmed by the Selectmen).

- Forestry was also discussed and how the town could enforce forestry best practices.
- Town is considering contracting a local forester to monitor the properties under work.

### Logging on Old Temple Road

- Large cut, 45 of 50 acres. Concern with cuts along the road and that a buffer was not maintained. Greg will consult with others on basal area considerations and we will determine if it should be addressed.

### Rose Mt Steering committee

- Sharon and Kris met with the Steering community and hiked up the mountain to tag areas to clear/cut for selective view sheds. Also, identified trees that they did not want to cut, and all agreed to not bring heavy equipment up the mountain. Selective burning is still in discussion within the committee.
- Committee is planning on meeting every month and may start some cutting this winter.

### Warrant Article for Scout Road

- Mike and Sharon drafted letter to send out to the abutters to get their opinion, selectmen want to meet with the abutters to discuss declassifying the road to make sure the land owners understand the warrant before it is included in the town meeting.
- Deadline is February 27 for getting warranty article in.

### Purgatory Falls Signs

- Sharon to contact Granite State Concrete to get permission to post sign at lower falls. Jesse Salisbury stated that we can post sign at the upper falls entrance.

- Kurt researched the cost for the posts, hardware, and concrete. The cost would be around \$70.00 to mount both signs. Greg Motion to spend ~\$70 to erect signs by Purgatory Falls, Sharon seconded. Though, mounting contingent on Granite State Concrete approval.
- Another option is to lag to a tree near the trailhead, there are concerns with lagging to trees but most signs are posted that way and may make mounting easier and more cost effective. Kurt will visit both ends to see if there are any trees that could be used and study areas to place posts if we go that route.

Agenda items for the January Con Com meeting:

- The next meeting will be a workshop to develop the guiding principles for the Con Com. Meeting is set for January 12<sup>th</sup>, Sharon to send out email to con com members to confirm attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p