

Chairman Sam Demeritt called the meeting to order at 7:05. Other members in attendance were Deb Stevens, Celia Abrams, Susan Mooney and Cheryl Smith.

**Nottingham Conservation Easement properties:**

- The Kimball Family Forest parcel along Freeman Hall Road, identified as Tax Map 14, Lot 6, of 21+/- acres was monitored on December 10 by Demeritt, Abrams and Mooney accompanied by Frank Mitchell of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG). BPRG owns the fee interest and the Town of Nottingham is the primary easement holder. All was in order. Demeritt will send the monitoring report summary letter to BPRG.
- The Terninko property along the east side of Case Road and identified as Map 9, Lot 11 of 107 acres was monitored on November 29 by Landry, Abrams and Mooney. All was in order. Demeritt has sent the monitoring report summary letter to John Terninko.
- The 19 deed restricted properties located in the Highlands development along Route 4 were monitored on December 3 by Landry, Abrams and Mooney. Most properties were in compliance with the deed restrictions. There were two outstanding violations noted and it is believed that these are new owners who were unaware that particular activities are not permitted by the easement deed. Letters were sent to all owners and their tenants; copies of these monitoring report letters have been filed.
- On December 11, Abrams and Mooney walked the perimeter of the Mendum's Landing Association (MLA) conservation easement located on either side of Mendum's Landing Road (easterly section), identified as Tax Map 5, Lots 7-1, -2, -3, -4, and -6, consisting of 11.6 acres. All was in order, however, it was difficult to determine where the conservation easement area stopped and the so-called "green area" (lots 7 and 7-5) began. Demeritt will send the monitoring report summary letter to John Sasner of the MLA. Without an accompanying member of the MLA, medallions were not posted and it was decided to reschedule for a monitoring walk for the westerly parcel identified as Tax Map 5, Lots 2-20 through 2-27, consisting of 23.48 acres not including the area of the un-built road. (This was done on December 28. See minutes of 1-9-12.)
- As of this meeting the Friend property monitoring is scheduled for December 17.

**Wetland Reserve Program Easement properties:**

The public hearing for public input re: the fee purchase of the Merriam/ Daggett and Tasker properties is scheduled prior to the Board of Selectmen's (BOS)

meeting on December 21, 2011. In order to comply with required posting interval from notice to hearing and availability of selectmen, the hearing could not be scheduled earlier in the month. The Commission listed and gathered all of the documents and information requested by the BOS in the past meetings and communications with them. An informational handout will be made available to attending residents at the hearing. Per RSA 675:7, the conservation commission shall conduct the public hearing.

**Minutes:**

- The minutes of November 14 were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Smith and all five votes were in favor.
- The minutes of November 29 were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Smith and seconded by Stevens. All votes were in favor.

Demeritt noted that Deb Kimball is up for reappointment as of November 14, 2011.

**Correspondence:**

Dated 11/2/11, Start data 11/11/11, Intent to Cut, Map 53, Lot 6-1, 4.0 acres on a 5.7 acre lot. 15,000 BF of white pine, 10,000 BF pallet wood, 20cords of fuel wood, 250 tons whole tree chips. The property is owned by Bruce and Sarah Flannery, 64 Wiswall Road, Durham. The forester is Harvey Woodward.

**BPRG Report:**

Demeritt summarized the schedule with additional details for the next six months: On January 28 after the Annual Meeting morning session and lunch there will be a walk in the North River Reserve parcel, located across Stage Road from the Municipal Office Complex/ Town Office property; on February 25 there is a snowshoe hike on the Cahill easement property in Strafford, 1 to 3 pm; the major donor reception will be April 20; April 21 is Aldo Leopold day; a bird walk will be held in May; A Biothon will be scheduled for June.

**There was no LRWA news.**

**Baseline Documentation for Conservation Easement property files:** Abrams has spent \$17.40 for copies of these forms for the files. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Stevens to reimburse Abrams for this expense. All five votes were in favor.

**Easement monitoring expenses:** Mooney spent \$9.00 for multiple copies of the deed restrictions to include in the Highlands monitoring reports and \$5.76 for a box of aluminum nails for posting the *Conservation Area Nottingham* medallions

on the perimeters of easement properties at Highlands and the other easements held by Nottingham. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Stevens to reimburse Mooney \$14.76 for these expenses. All votes were in favor.

**Annual Report:** Demeritt will compose the report and send it to the other members for additions/deletions/ edits.

**NNRC:** It was moved by Mooney, seconded by Stevens to dissolve the Nottingham Natural Resource Committee. Discussion included the rationale that any commission business could be conducted in a workshop meeting, and that the NNRC could be reformed for a future purpose. All five votes were in favor of dissolving the NNRC.

A note: this committee began as the Resource Inventory Committee, formed as a result of the Nottingham Community Profile held in June 2000. Without an affiliation with a municipal board or commission the committee was unable to apply for grants or request an operating budget. Subsequently it became a committee of the Commission and its name was changed because a natural resource inventory had been done in the late 1990's.

It was moved by Mooney, seconded by Stevens to adjourn the meeting. All votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Acting Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on January 9, 2012. Corrections have been made.