

At 7:00 pm members of the Commission attended the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to further the discussion of salt and sand use practices. Commission members present were Celia Abrams, Sam Demeritt, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Cheryl Smith and Susan Mooney. Discussion included the following:

- Recent studies of the Lamprey River watershed have noted the negative effects on stream water, ground water and private well water of past and present use of sodium chloride as a road deicer. Almost 50% of rural and urban wells tested had exceeded the acceptable level of NaCl in solution. In addition, there have been negative impacts on amphibian populations in vernal pools close to roadways.
- The Commission recommended that the road agent attend the four-hour SnoPro training session that is offered to all communities in the state at UNH in the spring and fall.
- The Commission inquired if there were current guidelines and practices used by the road agent and the crew. The BOS did not know and will invite the road agent to the next meeting when this topic is on the agenda.
- Representatives on the Lamprey River Advisory Committee have indicated that they would recommend a reduction in salt use on town roads over the next several years. And to explore alternatives to NaCl application practices.

The Commission and BOS agreed to further this discussion at the February 25 meeting.

The Commission members left the BOS meeting and moved to the Planning/Zoning room. Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:23. Shippee-Rice was seated for Noel Carlson.

Minutes: The meeting minutes for January were accepted as amended. The motion was made by Mooney and seconded by Shippee-Rice. There were four yeas and one abstention.

Correspondence:

- Dated 1-13-13 to NHDRED from Land Resources Management, DES, File # 2013-00210, that as of January 1, 2013, NH DES will no longer grant amendments to "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notifications" and an "acknowledgement of receipt of your "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification" for work in Nottingham (logging in Pawtuckaway park), Tax Map 76. Notice is sufficient to start work as long as wetlands are not impacted and Best Management Practices are followed and timber is cut for Forestry Management purposes only. Authorization is valid through 01-14-2015."
- Dated January 24, 2013 from Land Resources management to Ronald Wilhelm, Kittery ME 09041 DES File # 2013-00191, re: Subsurface Systems Bureau Individual Septic Disposal System (ISDS) Application (RSA 485:A) for

property located on Cooper Hill Road, Tax Map 2, Lot 3. The application was received but is missing the municipal approval stamp. Please resubmit with (said) stamp.

- The Source”, Winter Issue. The lead article is “USGS Study shows NH Groundwater is Getting Saltier”. We will copy the article for the BOS re: the salt and sand discussion between our two groups.

Bear-Paw Report: Smith and Demeritt attended the Bear-Paw Outreach and Education Committee meeting held earlier today and reported that about 100 people came to the Bear-Paw Annual Meeting held in late January. The raffle brought in about \$500. The calendar (subject to change) for the remainder of the winter into the early fall is as follows:

- February 23 at 1:00, A 2.5 hour field trip in Deerfield led by Frank Mitchell;
- April 27, A Monitoring Easements Training Session;
- May 11, An outing led by Scott Young, Celia Abrams and Alan Eaton along a “Birds and Blooms” theme;
- June 15 for the Annual Biothon; July 20, a Moonlight walk for fireflies and moths;
- August 3, Family Geocaching; September 7, “Casting on the Suncook (River)”.

Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) Report: Demeritt said that the LRWA would be sponsoring the Raymond Regatta and Family Fun Day on June 1 at a site along the Lamprey River. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the LRWA. There are plans for an event to celebrate this milestone sometime in October or November.

The **Mulligan Forest Winter Tracking Walk** was held on Sunday, February 10. There were 14 participants. The logger for the Fernald Family had plowed the parking area and the logging road in from Stevens Hill Road of the snow from the storm the day before. The weather was perfect for the snowshoe trek and there were many animal sign for all to inspect. Kristen Lamb pointed out mouse, weasel, deer, porcupine, raccoon and squirrel tracks in the fresh snow. There was an otter slide into the Bean River by the bridge and several fresh pileated woodpecker holes. The two-hour walk easily extended to over three hours. An additional treat was the large flock of robins eating sumac fruits at the parking lot entrance.

Planning Board Report: Mooney indicated that Mr. Falzone would be attending the February 27 meeting to move ahead with development plans for the Oak Ridge property. We reviewed the minutes from the February 24, 2012, meeting to review the motion made by the Commission at that time. The motion was made to support Mr. Falzone’s effort to seek a conservation easement through NRCS for the 154-acre parcel, the amount to be committed from Nottingham’s Conservation Fund to be determined at a later date. Mooney asked that Commission members attend the next Planning Board meeting to show support for this project.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mooney. It was seconded by Smith. All votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

This is a draft document. These minutes were accepted as read/amended at the meeting held on _____.