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Conservation Commission Minutes

July 8, 2013

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:09. Other members in attendance were Cheryl Smith, Kristen Lamb, Celia Abrams, Deb Kimball, Susan Mooney and Raelene Shippee-Rice, Alternate, who was seated for Noel Carlson.

Discussion re: Televised Meetings: Demeritt reported that he had not heard back from the Selectmen's Office about the possibility of mobile TV equipment so that meetings could still be held in the Planning/Zoning (P/Z) Office. (Note: at the June meeting the members agreed that files and maps in the P/Z office are crucial to conducting business and that moving to Conference Room 1 was not a practical move.) Members agreed that televised meetings would be beneficial by getting the word out to the public. Smith suggested that if the meetings were videotaped, then the meetings could be broadcast at a set day of the week. This would be advantageous when the Monday meeting conflicts with the Board of Selectmen's schedule. Suggestions were made that the meeting agendas be posted by the previous Thursday or Friday and that Karen Davidson be cc-ed the agenda as well so she could post on her email blast service. (See Note * below.)

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Ronald Kennard Property: Demeritt reported that Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) has determined the costs involved to place the Kennard Property on Kennard Road purchased by the Town into conservation easement. The total amount is \$12,500 including \$3500 for administrative fees, \$5000 for a stewardship fee for yearly monitoring, and \$4000 for a survey if needed. If it is determined that a survey is not needed then the project cost would be reduced by that amount. Demeritt will check with Charlie Brown on the status of an existing survey of the property. Abrams moved that the Commission accept the bill from BPRG for the Ronald Kennard conservation easement up to \$12,500 depending on the need for a survey. Shippee-Rice seconded the motion. All seven votes were in the affirmative.

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Meeting Minutes: The minutes for June 10, 2013, were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Kimball, seconded by Lamb and all seven votes were in the affirmative.

Correspondence:

- A postcard was received from DES announcing pre-proposals for the 2014 Watershed Grants.

- From the Selectmen's Office, an edited update of the scroll on the local TV re: Commission activities. Demeritt will check with Mike Russo re: LRAC membership information.
- Approval date, 6/10/13, a Shoreland Impact Permit #2013-01262, to Stephan J. Bittner, 111 Piedmont Rd., Columbus, OH, from Craig W. Day, DES Wetlands, permission for a project on Beach Head Road, Map 71, Lot 126, to impact 5640 ft² of wetland to construct a driveway and install a septic system. The permit stated seven project specific conditions and seven general conditions.
- Approval date, 6/18/13, a Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit, File # 2013-00882, to the Town of Nottingham from DES Wetlands Bureau, to allow the town to remove four rocks from the Town Beach. Permission to fill the holes was not given. The permit stated six site -specific conditions and eight general conditions.

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- Dated 5/3/13 and signed by the town clerk on 6/12/13, a Permit by Notification (PBN) to DES Wetlands Bureau from Lai, Elmer and Phillip, 111 Carriage Way, Carlisle, MA, for property located on 49 Shore Drive, Tax Map 68, Lot 42, to repair an existing grandfathered permanent dock in "like kind", 368 ft² and replenish 387 ft² natural sand beach with less than 10 cubic yards of sand.
- Dated 7/2/13, A Dredge and Fill Permit, File # 2013-00483, to the Town of Nottingham from David Price, DES East Region Compliance Inspector, re: the Gravel Pit Access Road off Smoke Street, Map 10, Lot 3, permission to dredge and fill a total of 3240 ft² of wetland and surface waters to remove an existing pipe and replace a 32 ft. X 4 ft. rigid frame bridge. A total of 420 ft² of riverbank and channel will be restored. Approval was based on 13 findings. The permit stated 16 site-specific conditions and eight general conditions.

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- Dated 6/28/13, a Notice of Acceptance of Permit Application Land Resources Management to the Nottingham Municipal Clerk, from DES, a Notice that DES has accepted an application for File # 2013-01731, for property located on Cahill Lane, Map 68, Lot 55. No further information was available.
- Dated 6/17/13, an Intent to Cut for property located on Neilson Road, Map 2, Lot 1. Of 136 acres, one acre will be cut of 1 MBF of white pine, 10 tons of pulpwood and 15 cords of fuel wood.

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Bear-Paw Report: Demeritt outlined the schedule for the following months: July 20, a Moonlight Walk for fireflies and moths; August 3, Geocaching; September 8, Casting on the Suncook River, 2 to 4:30 pm; September 14, Second Easement Workshop for those who attended the first one; October 19, kayak & canoe trip at

Pawtuckaway Lake, 10:30 am, bring own lunch; and November 2, Second BPRG Auction at the American Legion Hall in Epsom at 5 pm. For more information, visit the BPRG web page at www.bear-paw.org.

Lamprey River Watershed Association: Demeritt stated that there was not a quorum for the last meeting.

Other: There was a discussion about a town wide roadside cleanup event that was prompted by an email from Litter Free NH passed along from the Selectmen's Office. The event outlined looked more involved than what the Commission would be able

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to conduct. Demeritt will discuss a low-key town roadside pick up day with Mr. Brown. Perhaps the event could precede Nottingham Day.

Demeritt will contact the resident in the Highlands development for a date when Commission members can walk his conservation area with him.

There was discussion on Prime Wetland designations for Nottingham's wetlands. Demeritt will ask Mark West, Wetlands Scientist, the advantages of pursuing this idea. Abrams will contact SRPC to see what is required to update the town's wetland maps. Public outreach could include a presentation, "What is a Wetland?", possibly for early fall. (* Note: videotaping such a presentation for broadcast on the local access channel would spread the word even further.)

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(Smith left the meeting at 8:35.)

The last submission to the Nottingham Newsletter was edited by more than half of the script. Mooney will check to see if the complete article was covered in the Forum. (It was not.)

A motion was made by Abrams, and seconded by Kimball to reimburse Mooney \$30.36 for copy paper and notepaper. All six votes were in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mooney and seconded by Lamb. All votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

This is a draft document. These minutes were accepted as read/corrected at the meeting held on_____.

