

Nottingham Conservation Commission Minutes for February 10, 2014

Chairman Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:02. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Celia Abrams, Kristen Lamb and Deb Kimball.

NCC email address: Demeritt spoke to Dawn Wirkkala in the Business Office re: an email address for the Commission through the town's server and she recommended that Demeritt speak to Charlie Brown.

Second Annual Winter Wildlife Walk: Kimball contacted Dan and Sue Comte who own conservation easement property with a variety of habitats. It would be an opportunity for participants in the walk to explore these habitats including fields, woodlands and a swamp with 500-year-old black gum trees. The Comtes suggested a Sunday walk in March so they would be able to join the walk and to share their farming experiences including sugaring and growing root vegetables and beans for farmers markets. It was decided that March 2 from 2 to 4 pm would be the first date with an alternate date of March 16. A prewalk will be scheduled that is agreeable with the owners. Lamb will take responsibility for the PR including an announcement for the Nottingham Newsletter, the email Blast provided by Karen Davidson, Fliers to be posted around town and an area map.

Mission Statement, etc. It was decided to postpone discussion on the mission and vision statements, responsibilities, challenges and goals until a workshop meeting to be held on February 25.

Minutes: The minutes for January 13, 2014 were reviewed and corrected. The minutes were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Kimball, seconded by Abrams. All five votes were in favor.

The minutes for January 28 meeting/Workshop were reviewed and were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Abrams, seconded by Lamb and all votes were in favor.

Correspondence:

- From the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC), a letter re: grant opportunities for conservation projects within the Lamprey River area of up to \$5000 per proposal. Deadline for applications is April 12. The National Park Service under CFDA 15,921 provides Grant funds for the Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Assistance program.
- From the NH Association of Natural Resources Scientists, an invitation to the Annual meeting and a membership renewal form. Mooney moved to continue the Commission's membership at \$20 per year. The motion was seconded by Kimball and five votes were in favor.

- From NHDES Land Resources Management to NHDRED, dated 1-13-14, a Complete Forestry Notification to acknowledge the receipt of a "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification for work (timber cutting) in Nottingham located as Map 76, Lot 1 in the area of Mountain Pond Road.

Bear-Paw Report: Demeritt attended the Outreach and Education Committee earlier in the day (2-10-14). They are presently looking to schedule a presenter for next year's Annual Meeting. Other activities scheduled include a field trip on Hinman Pond 2-27; a roundtable discussion on climate change in late April; a bird walk in May; the Biothon on June 14, location TBA; a Wild Goose Pond Paddle, June 28, A trip around Head's Pond in Hooksett in July; Casting on the Suncook on September 6; the Annual meeting will be January 24, 2015. The spring edition of the Newsletter will be out by March 1. There are plans to upgrade the Bear-Paw website.

Kimball left at 8:25.

Lamprey River Watershed Association Report: Demeritt attended the meeting held on January 21. Plans for upcoming activities were discussed including river quality testing in the Lamprey River watershed.

The Commission workshop meeting will be held on February 25 beginning at 6:30.

Mooney moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Abrams and all four votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on April 14, 2014.