

Chair Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:02 PM. Other members in attendance were Paul Miliotis, Alternate, who was seated for Cheryl Smith; Johan Kerkhove, Alternate, who was seated for Terry Bonser; Kristen Lamb; Debra Kimball; and Susan Mooney. Residents in attendance were Liz Kotowski and Krystal Costa.

Introductions and Announcements: Members of the Commission (CC) were identified for the members of the audience and for viewers at home. The Fernald Conservation Easement (CE) (90 acres on Deerfield Road that abuts Pawtuckaway State Park and has frontage on the lake) is scheduled for January 22, 2016, at the Forest Society Headquarters. The Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG) Annual meeting will be held on January 30, 2016, at the Hooksett Library, beginning at 8:30 AM. The program will include Jane Kelly, a raptor rehabilitator, followed by a potluck lunch provided by the Board of Directors. The afternoon program will offer field trips through conservation easement properties.

Conservation Easement Updates: David Viale of the SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) is the lead representative for the potential Sweetser CE on Ledge Farm Road. He had sent along a proposed amendment to CC members for our review. The proposal was to identify a 5.87-acre building lot from the rest of the protected easement portion for the future building of farm related structures. This would help to support the future of the property as a working farm. Only farm related structures would be allowed, including a barn and/or shed, a driveway, and the like. Members had concerns about this new area abutting part of the pond and the possible impacts to the pond that might result. Demeritt will communicate this discussion to D. Viale.

Town Website: Lamb and Mooney volunteered to work on the update of the CC page together.

Alternate Member Application: Liz Kotowski has expressed her interest in becoming an alternate member of the CC. She and CC members have had the opportunity to discuss the role that the Commission has in the town and what our current activities have been. A motion was made by Mooney and seconded by Kimball to recommend Liz Kotowski to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the Commission as an alternate member. The motion carried; all six (6) votes were in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of November 9, 2015, were reviewed and edits were made. The minutes were accepted as corrected by a motion made by Lamb and seconded by Kerkhove. All six (6) votes were in favor.

Correspondence:

- There were three (3) Forestry Notifications, Notices of Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification that said Notices are sufficient to start work, from Land Resources Management to State of NH DRED, then submitted by DRED for Pawtuckaway State Park. Dated 11-19-15. These cuts are identified as Tax Map and Lots 76/2, 28/3 and 41/2. Respectively, File Numbers, 2015-03127, 2015-03123 and 2015-03121.
- A Thank You from Bear-Paw for the Commission's 2016 membership dues.

Other:

- Gifts of mugs from the Lamprey River Watershed Association (LRWA) were distributed to volunteers from the CC who participated in river water quality testing during the summer.
- On January 2, there will be a walk on the Dearborn Property in Raymond sponsored by BPRG. BPRG plans to conduct two property walks a month in the coming year.
- CE Monitoring Reports: The Kimball Family Forest CE and Terninko CE monitoring reports will be completed in the near future. The walks have been conducted and all appeared to be in order. It was recommended the Annual Report indicate that 25 to 30 person hours were spent for CE monitoring on behalf of the Town, not including the time required for notification of property owners, pre document assembly and post event reports for the owners and CC files.

Strategic Plan Review: Lamb provided the members with an updated Strategic Plan that noted accomplishments and items still to be addressed. Demeritt read through Goals 1.1 through 5.4 and the Objectives, noting the completed benchmarks and ones still needing attention for 2014-2015. Benchmarks were identified as those for immediate attention, and a workshop was scheduled for January 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM.

Point of Order: Kimball left at 9:00 PM.

Turbidity Meter: C. Sterndale, Town Administrator, recommended that the Commission use 2015 funds to purchase a new turbidity meter for river water quality testing. A motion to approve this action was made by Mooney and seconded by Lamb. The motion passed with all five (5) votes in the affirmative.

Other: A motion was made by Mooney and seconded by Kerkhove to reimburse Lamb \$55 dollars for the registration fee and mileage of 52 miles for her participation at the NH Association of Conservation Commissions on November 7, 2015. All five (5) votes were in the affirmative.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mooney and seconded by Kerkhove. All five (5) votes were in the affirmative. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary. These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on January 11, 2016.