

May 17th, 2016 Approved

Conservation Commission Minutes

Present: Chair Susan Wilderman, Vice Chair Judi Lindsey, Dennis Lewis, Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow, Betsy Kruse and recording Secretary Donna Del Rosso.

Guest Speaker: Fred Borman – Rockingham County Forester. About 22 community members attended his presentation on correct forest procedures. His information is: 113 North Rd. Brentwood, NH 03833--6623. The forester will determine for a landowner the type of marketable timber, wildlife habitat, water resources and vernal pools in the lot. He will also suggest management activities and offer professional assistance. Landowners can manage timber for: firewood, sawtimber, maple sugaring or biomass. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Emerald Ash Borer are two (2) of the most current diseases currently infecting our forests. We need to stay current with identifying and controlling invasive species. Landowners may want to create or improve access (culverts) for animal/bird varieties. Benefits for selling timbers may include wildlife enhancement, forest health, and salvage (after ice, hurricane, and wind damage) alter species composition, stand improvement, stand regeneration, produce income. New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) and Tree Farm Program (requires a forest mgmt program) are two organizations that can assist a landowner. Recommendations made by foresters include: boundary marking, invasive species control, access roads, timber sales-thinning or regeneration harvest, EQIP cost-share practices, wildlife habitat or recreational opportunities. Factors that affect value of timber: species mix, number of trees, size of trees, total volume, quality of trees distance from markets, accessibility of site, difficulty of operating on the site, market conditions, buyer's finances, buyers need for logs. Benefits of having a forester for harvesting: mgmt objectives meet highest value for selection cuts. The presentation ended at 8:05 with an open discussion from members of the audience. Contact information for Fred: Tel: 679-5616 fax: 679-8070 e-mail: fred.borman@unh.edu.

Betsy motioned to accept minutes as presented, Dennis seconded, no further discussion, motion passed 5-0-1, Judi abstained.

Wetland Permit Application – discussion regarding the property on Critchett Rd, none of the conservation members received the original wetland application. Susan will check with Eben Lewis from DES for verification, and will check to see if we can get a copy of the application. Ellie will check with Chris Dupre also.

Correspondence: Ellie received 2016 NH Lakes Conference Lakes agenda, June 2nd & 3rd it's all about Lake Winnepesaukee; it was left for members to read.

Betsy motioned to pay Donna \$69.67, Judi seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Website – Progress is moving along. Susan will attend the next BOS Monday 5/23 to ask for a selectman liaison. Judi and Susan posted on the website about the guest speaker this evening, also the walk on Saturday.

Judi will ask Tristan (Scholarship winner) to attend next month's meeting; we will present him with a certificate.

Old Business:

Land Trust Report – Betsy reported the success of the breakfast at Bear-Paw, they raised over 20k.

Dick did not have time to put in the Hoffman ARM grant.

Lamprey River Water Quality – Dick attended a Nottingham site walk.

Betsy would like to add Brian Holtz for next month's meeting. Susan will post agenda for June. Betsy would also like to add the calendar pictures back to the agenda as well, so we can start the process earlier.

Judi reported 2 animal sightings: a milk snake & a moose over by the Smyth Library gazebo.

Commission members were very happy with the turnout for tonight's presentation.

Betsy motioned to adjourn at 8:45, Judi second, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Del Rosso.