

Fracestoun Conservation Commission
Fracestoun, NH
Approved Minutes

May 7, 2018

Members Present: Marshall, StJean, Crooker, Heath, Haubrich, Hardwick, Holmes
Potential Member: Pam Avery

Meeting called to order 7:05PM

New Business-

ZBA Applications-

Pelton-327 Russell Station Rd. - The diagram provided does not show the location of the septic or wetland. We need more information before we can make a decision and we will request a site walk.

Momenee- 323 Todd Rd. - We don't have specific measurements or details on the plan as to wetland and vernal pool setback. We need more information and will request a site walk before making a decision.

Erosion control measures and runoff from roofs are concerns that need to be addressed.

Marshall suggested having a "sample application" filled out in a detailed and complete way available to help applicants understand how to provide necessary information for their project. Heath will recommend this to the ZBA.

2018-2019 priorities/focus-

We need to update our Short Term Action Plan- Hardwick will send the plan to board members and we can discuss at the next meeting.

Marshall, Haubrich, and Hardwick attended the Saving Special Places Conference.

Marshall reported on the Keynote speaker presentation which was about the importance of having places that people want to go to- creating engagement and connections within the community and the protected land so future generations

will continue to care about the land. *If you protect land for wildlife and keep people out, it alienates people.*

The Quarry Loop would be a good trail to work on- widen it and make it a nice walking trail. People today are concerned about ticks! They would appreciate not having to go on narrow trails with brush touching them as they walk through. Also, people like to walk side by side with kids etc.

Marshall and Hardwick attended a seminar on trails- There is new mapping through Granite View site that tells impact on wildlife etc. 4-wheelers and snowmobiles are actually less threatening than humans walking through the trails. We are seen more as predators.

Trail widening and making overlooks into wetlands would be a good project, maybe installing benches.

Make access from County Rd to Dinsmore area more accessible.

StJean recommended doing an inventory of all properties to decide how to best use them and what should be done on each one.

Marshall suggested we write out all ideas so we have a list to choose from for our short/long term plan. She will write a list for discussion related to our Short Term Action Plan.

Heath suggested we could use a whole meeting to look at the properties on a map.

Holmes asked if we could look at the Granite View site at a meeting- St Jean will look into this.

Trail work day- Hardwick suggested using a meeting for trail work, possibly the Quarry Loop. At our June meeting we will look at the maps and make notes and then schedule a work meeting.

Old Business-

Kiosk Repair-Paul St Cyr will repair the Kiosk

Earth Day- A lot was done, but there is already more trash on the roads

Seedlings- They were handed out at the elementary school and Hardwick thanked all who helped.

Programs/events- Invasive bugs, forest tour-At the Land Trust meeting on June 7th, forester Ethan Belair will be doing a talk on the adelgid/bugs.

Deferred-

Co-op program for Loon protection/non lead fishing equipment- Harry Woodbury will be back this month. Pam Avery volunteered to work on that program.

Wharton Town Forest- We will schedule a walk after black fly season- June?

Dinsmore Brook Signage- Heath has signs for 'no wheeled motorized vehicles'. We might hold off on putting them up unless there are further problems. Hardwick would like to work on putting up more 'positive' signage.

Minutes-

Crooker motioned to approve minutes of April 2, 2018 as amended. Hardwick 2nd
All in Favor.

Notices-

Hardwick informed the board that we have received the wetland application for the South New Boston Rd bridge project.

Motion to adjourn Hardwick, 2nd Crooker
Meeting adjourned 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Holmes