

Fracesttown Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Monday Nov 4, 2019

Members in attendance: Betsy Hardwick, Robin Haubrich, Don Crooker, Kelly Marshall, Pam Avery, James St. Jean

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Minutes:

The meeting minutes from the Oct 7 meeting were reviewed, however there were several changes required. The minutes will be revised and re-submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Overall, the commission is behind on approving minutes. There was a discussion if the commission should seek some help with this. Kelly took action to inquire if someone would be willing to help out. We would also need formal budget approval.

Announcements:

Kelly shared positive feedback from here attendance at the NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting.

Members are encouraged to fill out the survey via the link that was previously distributed via email (for reference it is https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0HzdYLhWyZrzPT)

Old Business:

Dinsmore Brook gate: The snowmobile club will be doing work there in the next few weeks.

Don reported ATVs were active at Crotched Mountain town forest. It does not seem to be a group and there is no apparent damage. Also may have been a hunter recovering a deer. This is something to keep an eye on.

There is a tree down on the summit trail, near the black gum trail. If somebody has a chance to get over there it would be appreciated.

A meeting is scheduled on Nov 11 at 10am to meet the forester at Fisher Hill town forest and walk the property to evaluate considerations of plans for public recreation and trail development. Next steps will be determined following that meeting.

Emerald Ash Borer fliers have been distributed. Betsy received some good feedback from the community as well as some questions.

Betsy has plans to meet with the select board and share our findings on possible public areas where there may be dangerous ash trees.

Shattuck Pond town forest - As an FYI, there have been further reports of shooting. It is not known if this is associated with any further camping activities. As of two weeks ago there was no further camping activity observed.

New Business:

The commission received a letter from FES principal requesting involvement of the conservation commission in a project with the school, relates to community connections. The objective of this project is to educate students on what the CC does and how it helps the town. Other town departments received similar letters. Pam is interested and will follow-up.

Betsy sent a letter on behalf of the CC in support of the planning board water resources management plan grant.

The Millers installed a 15 inch culvert in the Crotchet Mountain town forest as requested by the CC, and after permission was obtained by the select board. This is near Bullard Hill.

Proposal to adjourn made by Kelly and seconded by Don.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, James St. Jean