

## **Francestown Conservation Commission**

**Francestown, NH**

### **Approved Minutes**

July 10, 2017

Members present: Haubrich, StJean, Marshall, Holmes, Hardwick, Freese, Sanderson, Heath, Crooker

Meeting came to order 7:30 PM

#### **New Business-**

The board welcomed new members Robin Haubrich and Jim StJean.

New Bridge- The new bridge on South New Boston Rd will impact the Karen Dunscombe easement. The easement property is on both sides of the road. Town council may need to be consulted about the potential easement violation. The time frame for construction of the bridge is in the next year or two.

Joan Hanchett Nature Series Program-We need a new ConCom rep for this program. Kelly Marshall volunteered for this position.

CM Town Forest Kiosk repair/field maintenance- We need to go out to look at the kiosk in the parking lot and make a decision as to whether to hire someone to rebuild it and if so get an estimate. Also need to look at the road and fields and discuss what maintenance might need to be done. Work date was scheduled for Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.

Wharton Town Forest- This is a 43 acre parcel off of Rt 47 between Pleasant Pond Rd and Fischer Hill Rd on the north side. We need to decide if we want Ron Klemarczyk to take a look at it for habitat improvement. The town owns this parcel but there is no easement on it.

CAP goals and objectives- One goal is educational outreach and we have discussed having a forest program in the past, possibly with Ron Klemarczyk. Another option is a program on invasive plants. Marshall suggested doing an interpretive program on a more accessible area, possibly Farrington Rd area and look at birds, vegetation etc. We might ask Ron Klemarczyk or Ben Haubrich to lead this and fall might be a good time to hold this. Marshall will look at the town calendar for possible dates on Sunday afternoons where there are no conflicts with other programs in town.

Marshall suggested having a website where people could report which trails they had done maintenance work on so others would know which trails might still need maintenance. StJean suggested a Google group might work for this and could be set up with board members to start out and see how it works. He volunteered to get it set up. At some point, a trail maintenance workshop might be a good idea, or an article on the subject in the Frankestown News. And then others could be invited to sign on to the group.

Election of Officers- Board members currently serving in these positions were asked if they would consider continuing in their position and all agreed. Positions and members up for election were Chair: Betsy Hardwick, Vice-chair-Don Crooker, Clerk/Funds manager-Kris Holmes Heath made a motion to elect all current members into the same positions for the current year. Marshall second. All in favor.

### **Old Business-**

Property issues-Crotched Mt easement; campfires/gates/building removal-The campfire issues have been resolved. The gate was closed but the lock was still broken. Jamie at Selectmen's office was going to contact Verizon to make sure that this was resolved. The building (shed) still needs to be removed. Crooker will co-ordinate a meeting with Gary Paige re: taking the building down- to see what the highway department might be able to help with to demolish the building, and he will report the info back to Hardwick.

Dinsmore Brook area & vehicles/signage/gate/kiosk- A sinkhole has developed under the trail on the way out to the area and this has been a problem with vehicles driving out on the trail and if this continues to be a problem a gate might need to be installed. Sanderson has a kiosk ready to be put up but needs clarification of the boundaries of the property. Hardwick will get him a map which shows the boundaries.

Marshall suggested maybe we should work on the bridges in the Shattuck area this weekend instead of the CM Town forest. Help will be needed to carry in the lumber.

Minutes- Minutes from May 1, 2017 were considered by the board. Marshall made a motion to accept minutes as written. Freese second. All in favor. Minutes approved as written.

Correspondence- Hardwick reported that the board was contacted by Tom Hay regarding his request for a wetland approval to put a driveway through a wet area. This is on a property on Poor Farm Rd. Hardwick directed him to contact the state and go through the required application process. Hardwick also informed the board that Crotched Mt Ski is taking over the Hampshire 100 bike race and that SPNF has a discretionary right to allow them to do these events.

Crooker motion to adjourn. Hardwick second. Meeting adjourned 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holmes- Clerk