

Francestown Conservation Commission

Francestown, NH

Proposed Minutes

December 4, 2017

Members present: Haubrich, Freese, Hardwick, Crooker, Holmes, Heath, Shuffleton, Marshall

Meeting came to order 7:02 PM

New Business-

Review Process for wetland applications-Hardwick recused from the discussion as her brother has worked for the property owner Chad Mills in the past and may do so in the future. The board will look into wetland permit requirements, research on NHDES website, and we will discuss more at the next meeting. The owner, Chad Mills who owns property on Russel Station Rd, will need a special exception due to the fact that the pond is proposed in a wetland. This needs to be requested from ZBA. Mr Mills needs to show that the purpose does not conflict with the purposes of a Conservation District and this needs to be approved by Hillsborough County.

Proposed PB Zoning change; shoreland district-The Planning Board has recommended changes to the shoreland district zoning. There is a discrepancy between the state and town plan. There is a reference to old maps which have not been updated and are missing many perennial streams, and the Piscataquog river is not mentioned. The PB is proposing a change to reference newer maps that are in our conservation plan which reference all the streams.

Old Business-

Co-operative program for loon protection/non lead fishing equipment- FLT supports our plan discussed at the last meeting.

Property issues: Crotched Mt. easement; building removal- The buildings have been taken down, both the newer cabin and the boy scout cabin. Marshall suggested a gate be placed so no unauthorized vehicles could drive up with more materials to rebuild the cabins. Hardwick felt the issue may be more under control now. Fred Douglas has been monitoring the situation, stopping people attempting to drive up and questioning them as to why they are driving up. However a gate may be needed in the future. Hardwick will notify Fred Douglas that the buildings have been removed.

Dinsmore Brook Area & vehicles/gates/ signage- No news

Wharton Town Forest walk- Hardwick will email board members when there is a good weekend to do a walk in this area.

Minutes- Heath made motion to accept minutes of November 6, 2017 as written. Marshall 2nd. All in favor. Minutes approved as written.

Announcements-

Heath informed the board that FLT has received a grant for the CM west project which will protect 120 acres in Bennington coming up from Mountain Rd in Bennington to the Frankestown town line.

Marshall informed that there is a JHNS program in the planning stages for the fall of 2018 on Rattlesnakes by Tom Tynning. They are also looking into having a speaker from the Squam Lake Science Center come out to do a program geared more towards families/children in the spring of 2018.

Shuffleton reported seeing 4 bears in the CM town forest last weekend.

Marshall reported that she placed posts in the crabapple tree field with markings to delineate the trail. Also Paul Marshall removed the bridge that had washed out on the Herman Miller property.

Hardwick made a motion to send Paul Marshall a thank you note and \$100 for field management. Heath 2nd. All in Favor. Motion carries.

Our next meeting will be January 8, 2018

Crooker motion to adjourn. Marshall 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holmes, Clerk