

The Francestown Conservation Commission

Minutes May 6, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 7:08

Attendance: Betsy Hardwick, Don Crooker, Pam Avery, Robin Haubrich,, Kelly Marshall, George Sanderson

Minutes: April minutes will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Notices & Announcements: Robin, Pam, Betsy, and Kelly shared some information they gained from the Saving Special Places workshops that they attended.

New Business:

- Invasive Plants Presentation-Kelly will present at a later meeting date
- Approve final DES/ARM list – A motion was made by Don Crooker to accept the 10 item list attached to these minutes, seconded by Pam Avery and passed unanimously.
- Projects/Events for 2019:
 - Joselyn Trail-Tree needs to be removed
 - Bullard Hill-A culvert will need to be put in and gravel will need to be used to fill in a large hole. A motion was made by George Sanderson, seconded by Don Crooker to spend up to \$1,800 from the Conservation Commission Fund for the project. The motion passed unanimously. Betsy will ask permission from the Board of Selectmen. Upon approval Betsy will contact the Millers for work to be done.
 - Story Walk-Put up on the Quarry Trail by the end of June. Kelly and Pam will coordinate the project.
 - Scavenger Hunt-A brochure with things to ID while walking the Blueberry Trail. Kelly and Pam will work on the project.
 - A motion was made by George Sanderson to approve up to \$500 from the Conservation Commission Fund to support public outreach projects such as the Story Walk, Scavenger Hunt, etc. It was seconded by Kelly Marshall and unanimously approved.
- Seedling prep for school event: Preparation of the seedlings will take place on Thursday, April 9 @ 5:00 at Betsy's. Distribution will be on Friday, April 10 by Kelly and Pam.
- Joan Hanchett Program funding: A motion was made by Pam Avery to approve \$250 from the Conservation Commission Fund to the Francestown Land Trust in support of the Joan Hanchette Nature Series Program. It was seconded by Robin Haubrich and unanimously approved.

Old Business;

- Town Forest Info Project
 - Proposed enhanced website for forests/trails (Jim): Jim and Robin will continue to work on the project
 - Hikes/contemplative walk series: Pam reported that up to 11 people have reported interest and that it will be held on May 9 at the Lord Town Forest.
 - Francestown News articles: Robin and Betsy will continue to submit articles.

- Earth Day roadside cleanup report: There has been activity as indicated by the blue bags that are filled along the roadside. Jeff Tarr has been picking them up and bringing them to the Transfer Station.
- South New Boston Rd. Bridge/conservation easement issue/DES approval: The DES has approved the application.
- Town Road Erosion into water bodies; locations reports: The Commission discussed areas of concern. Betsy will follow up with the Board of Selectmen.
- Stewardship/management work:
 - boundary maintenance (CM, Piscataquog Confluence): Waiting for the Town Forester to contact Betsy.
 - CMTF road work/culvert replacement
 - access cleanup Wharton TF: A work party is scheduled for Monday, May 13 to start to create piles of the debris.
- Easement Monitoring: All reports should be submitted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 40