

Claremont Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

Meeting Called to Order: 6:12 p.m.

I Roll Call: Steve Wood, Chairman; Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman; Ken Harlow, Gary Dickerman,

Absent: Cortney Nichols, Nicholas Koloski

Guests: Mark and Holly Carrier, Presidents of Sullivan County ATV Club; Roger Wright, Trail Riders of Shugah Valley SnoRiders, Lionel Chute, Sullivan County Conservation District Manager

II Review of Minutes: Minutes of February 21, 2013

One minor change needed: Linda Feurst's name is spelled wrong..... should be Fuerst

Motion to approve by: Gary Dickerman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken Harlow Motion: Approved

III Finance Report:

No financial report in packet

IV Old Business:

- Natural Resources Inventory Report with Jeff Littleton – Notebooks distributed. Motion by Dianne Harlow to accept the Natural Resources Inventory created by Jeff Littleton. Seconded by Gary Dickerman . Motion Carries.

Read through and note any questions to ask him at a later date. Need to make landowners aware of what resources we have that might affect them and their properties....through the Natural Resources Inventory.....given to city council March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. How do we get the info. out to the citizens that are interested? Eticker news story?

V New Business:

- Rail-Trail improvement work discussion: Roger Wright from Shugah River Sno Riders, stated that registrations are down 50% so Grant in Aid less available. He wants to open the canopy up from Chestnut St. to Washington St. Also from Pleasant St. and Broad St. SVRS didn't do the gates last year on the trail by the KFC bridge, because the gate was too limiting. Would rather install two solid poles with orange reflector tape, in the center of the trail that can be removed in the winter for grooming. SVRS doesn't plan any surface work in 2013. Roger can help us apply for Grant in Aid for future work on the trail. Trail behind the new Community Center needs fill to enhance drainage. Should Conservation Commission purchase a load of gravel to be spread by SCATV. Gate ideas: 1) SVSR will need Conservation Commission's permission to go forward with the "gates".
- No special projects planned by Sullivan County Atv club other than keeping the trail graded. Commission agrees to meet with both clubs in March of each year to go over maintenance plans, that might need Grant monies. Also take up Roger's offer to help with Grant applications.
- 2013 Conservation Camp Applications – Motion By Gary Dickerman to accept 6 possibly 7 applications for the various campers, expending up to \$2,600. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Harlow Motion carries

VI Communications:

- Saving Special Places 2013 – Saturday, April 6, 2013 John Stark Regional High School, Weare NH

VI Other:

- Garlic Mustard invasive species control (See 2-26-13 email from Barbara McIlroy)
- Visit from Lionel Chute, Sullivan County Conservation District Manager – There are Conservation District's in each county. In their 67<sup>th</sup> year. NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Services located in Walpole, NH. Previously Soil Conservation Service many years ago 20-25 years ago.

Conservation District are different in different areas – studied UNH forestry – Degree In Forestry Science. Try to conserve soil from erosion by agricultural practices that contribute to the loss of soil via climate change. Water Conservation – supporting agriculture and dealing with invasive species.

Plant sale – Annual potted and bare roots: available Fruit Trees: apple, and peach; Plants: blueberry, strawberry, asparagus, rhubarb, horseradish, ostrich ferns or (fiddleheads) shrubs: northern bayberry – wildlife pack 5 different varieties ; Trees: oak, balsam, fir, paper birch, ornamental plants – lilacs–have 6 varieties and magnolias, Ordering deadline is March 29<sup>th</sup>. [www.sullivancountynh.gov](http://www.sullivancountynh.gov) Can order through website.

VII Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: By Ken Harlow

2<sup>nd</sup>: Gary Dickerman

Meeting adjourned at: 8:17 p.m.

Submitted By Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman