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Claremont Conservation Commission

Minutes of May 16, 2013

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03 p.m.

- I. Roll Call: Steve Wood, Chairman; Ken Harlow; Gary Dickerman; Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman  
Absent: Nick Koloski; Cortney Nichols

Guest: Adam Ricker, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission; Larry (Converse?), Citizen

II. Review of Minutes

- Review of April 18, 2013 Minutes  
MOTION to accept April 18, 2013 Minutes as written by: Ken Harlow Second by: Gary Dickerman Motion Carries

III. Finance Report:

- Not contained in our packets

IV. Old Business:

- Update on 2013 Camp Applications – checks have been sent in: Ashley Giannuzzi withdrew; Tyler Woodman didn't complete process; Dianne Harlow spoke to two of the applicants who are very excited about going.

V. New Business:

- No new Business to report

VI. Communications:

- NH DOT to the Claremont Conservation Commission – NH DOT Project #24881 – Claremont on NH Route 12A – down by In The Garden farm stand/old tractor place The high bridge abutment sides are crumbling, do we have any knowledge of them being fixed?
- Emerald Ash Borer Alert – Ash wood can't be sent out of state unless it is kiln fired. Noticeable symptoms of an infestation are: the very tops of trees die back; there squiggles under the bark. The Asian Longhorn Beetle bores holes the size of your little finger and leaves sawdust at bottom tree.
- NHDES to Claremont Conservation Commission – File #2013-01072 – Map/Lot 42 – 2; Logging notification for the Spera lot on Cat Hole Road.
- National Grid notice for Vegetation Maintenance Activities – We are not aware of any watersheds other than Walker Brook area.

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### VII. Other:

Adam Ricker, UVLSRPC spoke about the upcoming FEMA funded project that will conduct assessments of selected segments of rivers and streams in the Sugar River Watershed, including segments in Claremont. The project will identify areas of the rivers and streams that are prone to flooding and erosion to help target areas for mitigation and culvert projects. The area near the Wastewater Treatment plant will be spearheaded by Bruce Temple and Nancy Merrill. A letter sent out today to abutters, to notify them of the study. Adam Ricker indicated to us that Federal funds could be available for erosion near the pump station on Sugar River Drive.

Dianne Harlow asked if there was any note of the erosion behind Home Depot, that has eaten into the property of Ed McGlaulin and the City Property where the pump house is on Sugar River Drive. Larry Converse indicated that this is a "Cone valve", that handles sewage from Unity. He also indicated that the UPS store, there is a sewer pipe that is in danger of being damaged because of the erosion. Adam will look into this for us.

There will be a Public Information meeting on May 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newport Senior Center on Route 10 south, that the public and the commission are invited to attend.

Logging in Moody Park – they seem to be concentrating on the Red Pine area down at the bottom, which is a more delicate area to harvest. They haven't cut the area at the top to open up the view to Mt. Ascutney yet.

Loggers concentrate on cleaning up the tops because of the Mt. Sunapee Forest Fire in 1949. The hurricane in 1938 left trees and debris that was not cleaned up or salvaged. When lightning struck, they was endless fuel so it caused the fire to burn longer

Ken Harlow noted that he had been up on Cat Hole putting up signs for the trails, and the area that they are logging looks great; The skidder roads have been closed off by large logs and they have cleaned up the tops very well.

### VIII. Adjournment:

MOTION: By Ken Harlow Second: Gary Dickerman Carries  
Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted By: Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman