

Claremont Conservation Commission

Minutes of August 15, 2013

NOTES

Meeting Called to Order:

- I. Roll Call: Steve Wood, Chairman, Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman, Nick Koloski, Gary Dickerman, Courtney Nichols

Present: Steve Wood, Gary Dickerman, Dianne Harlow

Absent: Nick Koloski, Courtney Nichols

Resigned: Ken Harlow

Guest: Walter Elhardt, Sullivan County ATV Club

II. Review of Minutes:

- Review of June 20, 2013 Minutes Motion By Gary Dickerman Second by Dianne Harlow
- July Meeting was cancelled as there was no pending business

III. Finance Report:

- No financial reports included in packets
August financial – Gravel between Broad St. and Chestnut St. \$2,200+/- Lisa emailed Steve to verify that a motion had been made to pay out the \$2,500, because it did not exceed that amount, Steve okayed Lisa to pay the bill.....

IV. Old Business:

- Rail Trail Master Plan - Emails between Scott Hausler and Nate Miller, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission dated August 7th 2013. We need to identify who to invite to the Community Meeting – Can we meet with Nate prior to facilitating a Community Meeting? Steve to check into this.

V. New Business:

- Permit by Notification – Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc. Skip Medford from Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc. on Plains Road Operates one utility in town and others across the U.S. Replacement of Surge Tube – water goes from penstock, through debris remover, then through turbines (water under pressure from fall of pond to tailwater) rare cases, pressure has to be relieved ex. Failure sensors or someone hits a pole....pressure relieved by a vent – this facility uses the surge tube downstream of the turbine....unusual, they are usually upstream. Installed possibly in 1922 or 1930ish. (Early twentieth century) Restore base – with rebar and cement – silt fence will be used – base seems to be about 3 – 4 feet from the rivers' edge with 4" of gravel under the base – would like to begin work asap – missed July agenda and meeting – when can he start? Motion by Dianne Harlow to accept Permit by Notification (PBN) Seconded by Gary Dickerman. Motion Carries

- Sugar River Trail Action Plan – Paving of aprons that we approved at the June meeting is planned for August 16, 2013, between Chestnut St. and Broad St.

VI. Communications:

- NH DES to the Claremont Conservation Commission – Land Resources Complaint File #2013-01868, 128 Foisy Hill Road – cleared more than 100,000 square feet or greater without a permit or authorization
- NH DES to the Claremont Conservation Commission – Complete Forestry Notification – File # 2013-01741, Map 184 Lot 1 & 2

VII. Other:

- Plantings along rail trail entrances on Broad Street – Complete – Dianne will trim them next week, so that they will have a chance to adjust the replant.
- Arrowhead Timber sale access reconsideration – the planned route and log landing have to be revisited as the neighborhood where logs hauled out, objected... City Council to take another look at this area for logging trucks.....
- SCATV put \$20,000 into trail at and around Arrowhead trails, who will put this trail back together after the logging; also there are many children and adults using Arrowhead and the Sugar River Technical Center so the logging trucks present a danger to them.
- SCATV is more than happy to help with and/or monitoring the trail during the paving projects.
- Campers will be invited to come tell us about their experiences at camp at the September meeting.

VIII. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by: Gary Dickerman Seconded by: Dianne Harlow

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by: Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman