

Claremont Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2013

Approved 3.14.2013

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:02 p.m.

- I. Roll Call: Steve Wood, Ken Harlow, Gary Dickerman, Nick Koloski, Cortney Nichols, Dianne Harlow
Guests: Nancy Merrill, Planning Department, Linda Fuerst, Cornish Conservation Commission, Jeff Middleton,
Welcome to Cortney!
- II. Review of Minutes
 - a. Review of January 17, 2013 Minutes. MOTION to accept by: Ken Harlow
2nd by: Gary Dickerman Abstaining: Nick Koloski and Cortney Nichols Motion Passes
- III. Finance Report
 - Reviewed January 17, 2013 Financial Report
Conservation Association dues sent in approximately Feb 11, 2013
- IV. Old Business
 - Rail – Trail Update – Steve to contact the snowmobile and atv clubs to see if they can attend the March meeting. We need to see what if any maintenance they plan to do on the rail trail in 2013. Reminder about the 2 dead Elm trees on the Chestnut St. side. Dianne to check with Scott Hausler to see if they can take them down as they are potentially dangerous.
 - 2013 Conservation Camp Sponsorship Letters – Letters were delivered to the three elementary schools and the Middle school. We will pick the recipients at the March 2013 meeting.
- V. New Business
 - Natural Resources Inventory Report with Jeff Littleton – Used new and existing data; refined wetlands data. This was done by field based, roadside observation and aerial photos.
Water resources – mapping town wetlands, habitat, flood control and quality. There are a total of 358 wetland areas in Claremont; 145 more than previously noted. Jeff evaluated 85% of wetlands. Wildlife Action plan of 2005 was kept in mind while checking out wildlife areas. Statewide and Regional priorities were taken into consideration.
Members asked how often should the updates be done? Jeff suggested every 5 – 10 years is a good rule of thumb. New significant data should be updated regularly about every 5 -10 years.
Linda Feurst from Cornish Conservation Commission was in attendance and wants to work with the Claremont Conservation Commission to conserve City land in the Cat Hole area, through to North Newport.

Nancy Merrill advised that an example of a Wetland restoration area is Tractor Supply on Lower Main Street.

What kind of a job of managing for invasive species in Claremont? There are several areas in Claremont that have significant growths of Buckthorn, Honeysuckle and Japanese Barberry that need to be eradicated.

City Council wants us to look at which City properties should be kept in green space. Nancy will send out more information to us.

- Barry Conservation Camp packets (Motion needed to authorize copying payment)
Bill for 730 copies for \$163.85
Motion to approve payment made by: Gary Dickerman 2nd by: Ken Harlow Motion passes

VI. Communications

- NH D.E. S. to the City of Claremont: File #2012-030234, 212 Foisy Hill Road
- Saving Special Places, April 6, 2013 at John Stark Regional High School in Weare, NH
- NH Assoc. of Cons. Comm. Cheryl Andrews - SB 102 Allows the Option to Elect rather than appoint members of the CC in municipalities.

VII. Other

- Change March Meeting to the 14th tentatively – Steve to email us if it works for him.
- Previously a citizen expressed some concern about the grass clippings that were being dumped down the embankment on the Rail Trail at the Marion Phillips complex. Dianne found that the boundary line is at the top of the bank and because the clippings are biodegradable, it isn't something we need to worry about. The other members agreed.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- Landscaping plan for rail trail in April 2013
- Approximate Monies to be expended in 2013 – make hard copies for March packet

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn by: Gary Dickerman 2nd by: Ken Harlow Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman