



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

Attendees: Todd Hathaway, John Bennett, Sandy Goodspeed, Liz Wilson

Absent: Scott Pim, Sarah Brennan

Guest: None

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Minutes Approval

Upon Motion by Sandy seconded by John, the minutes of the meeting from February 14, 2017 and March 14, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Website Update

John provided an updated on recent postings to the website and his proposed blog entry relating to Trail Finder. Sandy raised the possibility of members supplying information/articles for the site on a rotating basis so that there is regular fresh content for the website. The members agreed to do this going forward on a rotating basis so that each of the six members does approximately two entries per year.

NRI Update

Todd provided an update on the most recent NRI Committee work meeting with Jenn Rowden, Liz and Sandy. Jenn has mostly completed the NRI. The maps look excellent. She is awaiting some additional information from us, including trails information, a group photo and a letter from the Commission explaining the reason for grading the NRI. The group photo will be taken at the next meeting. Todd will provide a letter and work with Sarah on supplying trail information to Jenn. Sandy will provide some paragraphs from Kevin Martin and Jerry Langdon.

School Presentation

Liz reported on her presentation to a 5th grade science class. She basically presented on natural resource conservation issues and reviewed maps and other data with the class. She reported that it was a great success and there are further opportunities to partner with the schools on future projects. Liz will work with Ms. Bates and other interested teachers on future projects, such as scavenger hunts and GIS work. Liz also indicated that she would follow-up with the high school teachers we met with recently to determine their interest in assistance with potential tasks, such as property monitoring. There was a general discussion about property monitoring



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issues and the need for some assistance and/or education on that subject. Liz was going to follow-up with SELT to see what materials they have available to assist with monitoring.

Communications/Public Engagement

Sandy has attended a number of recent conferences, including the Saving Special Places conference, and initiated a discussion on how to get the word out to community members about Town conservation issues. Suggestions included outdoor events, social media, press releases, presentations/speakers at the library. She indicated that the Saving Special Places conference was very helpful and inspiring. Sandy will follow-up with a potential speaker on coyotes for the library. Todd and Liz indicated the possibility of manning a booth at the upcoming Memorial Day parade. Todd indicated that he would look into a potential press release once the NRI is completed. Sandy also raised the possibility of a survey of town members about what issues are important to them, citing the Moose Mountain Regional Greenway Project that utilized Survey Monkey.

Photo Contest

Liz reported that this is ready for roll out and a page will be posted on the website with a submission period between mid-May to mid-August. We can also advertise this at our booth on Memorial Day.

NH Timber Land Owners

Sandy indicated that our annual \$30 dues to the Association were due. The members were unsure of this history of our membership in this organization and what it does for the Commission. Sandy will contact Jerry Langdon and/or Scott to make sure that the annual membership is worthwhile and/or the issues they advocate for are consistent with our purposes.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by unanimous vote by motion by Sandy and seconded by Liz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Hathaway

