

## **Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission**

16 May 2016– Minutes

### **Present:**

Members: Paul Kotila, chair; Barbara Green, Dorothy Zug, Hiel Lindquist, Cheryl Norskey,

**Absent:** Rick Brackett

**Guests:** Nancy Nye, Gap Mt. Lions Club

### **Review Minutes of 18 April 2016:**

Approved as amended.

### **Agenda Review:**

Zug – Info about property adjacent to KMTF.

### **Wetlands Survey Update:**

Brackett had a conflict and was unable to attend this evening's meeting. No other info was available.

### **Metzger TF Stewardship Plan Changes – Paul:**

Kotila hasn't sent our response to Mike Powers' latest version yet. After he does this, Mike will prepare a complete plan and we can go forward.

Zug spoke to the owner of a 14.5 acre piece on Old Troy Rd., lot 12. Lot 19 is the town forest. Zug asked if the owner would be interested in donating the land but the owner said she wished to sell, and would talk later to Zug about it. We have a deeded ROW and could put a parking lot there. There is also a small building that might be of some use.

### **Nancy Nye – Lions Club representative:**

Nye came to present a proposal from the Gap Mt. Lion's Club, as part of its Centennial Celebration. Their committee had voted to donate money toward a conservation-related project for the town. ConsCom members discussed various options such as signs, benches, etc. A general consensus was that a sign at the entrance to Fitzwilliam on Rte. 12 south, similar to the one on Rte. 12 north, might be a good project. Nye said she would go to Selectmen about this and return to the ConsCom for more ideas if there were any leftover funds.

### **Gas Pipeline Update:**

Members understood that sometime around May 20<sup>th</sup>, Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline must indicate to FERC what they plan to do next. We are waiting to hear if the project is officially dismissed.

### **Dog Waste Cleanup Bags:**

Zug contacted Mark Irvings, president of the Society for the Protection of Rockwood Pond. He thought the clean up bag project was a good idea and is getting emails to Zug about whether his members agree. Zug will email Sable with info for a newsletter article.

**Open Space Committee Updates -- Dorothy:**

Zug reported that there will be an insert in the July newsletter. She shared copies of “Open Space – Conservation Options for NH”, to which members suggested various changes for a newsletter version.

The OSC also has letters to go out to 3 people. When done with this, they will lay down the committee for a while.

**Monadnock Advisory Committee Update:**

No news.

**Site Walk Reports:**

Lindquist walked the WGF trail. He reported one downed tree, which was removed, and evidence of lots of use to the trail. He and Zug continue to keep trail maps in stock there.

**Budget Reports:**

Tabled to next month.

**Planning Board:**

Lindquist heard something about a huge solar array proposed for Fitzwilliam, possibly up by the substation, but we have no further info.

Also, there will be a presentation on Wednesday in Peterborough about that town’s solar array, as well as residential solar installations.

There was a discussion about whether Fitzwilliam could adopt a solar exemption, or perhaps already has one? We should check that out.

**Other Business:**

Green brought info on a well water community action tool kit. Rindge had supported a partial subsidy for well water testing and had a good response. The town would get a summary of results but the locations of wells would not be revealed. Kotila will look further into this.

Also, Kotila will email Debbie regarding the latest appointments to our Commission.

Members shared recent wildlife sightings – moose, birds, hawk activity at feeders, etc.

**Correspondence:**

2016 NH Lakes congress announcement, June 2-3; Monadnock Conservancy Newsletter, spring/summer 2016.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting—June 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Sable, Secretary