

Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission
15 May 2017– Minutes

Present: Paul Kotila, Chair; Kevin Woolley, alternate; Hiel Lindquist, Barbara Green, Dorothy Zug

Absent: Cheryl Norskey, Rick Brackett

Guests: None

Review Minutes of 17 April 2017:

Approved as amended.

Agenda Review:

No additions.

Metzger TF Stewardship Plan & Trails meeting (23 May, 6 pm):

Kotila sent around the plan and the management goals have been re-ordered as suggested. It is now up to us to approve.

Green suggested the word “owns” at the top of page 3 be changed to “owned”.

Also, in the second sentence of the last paragraph, “hemlock/hardwood” should be deleted as it is already mentioned.

Kotila will submit all changes a week from now, and the plan should be all set.

Zug reviewed the ROW and went to the Registry of Deeds but noted there is nothing more than the 50-foot ROW mentioned in the deed.

A trail meet with Lew Shelley is scheduled for May 23rd, 6 p.m., to talk about trail design.

[Note, this meeting was later rescheduled for May 30th, 6 p.m.]

Dog Waste Cleanup Bags:

Lindquist has emptied the container. The bag was almost full. It appears to take about 4 weeks to fill it. The station is being used. About 10 lb. of waste has been prevented from contaminating wetlands.

Chamberlain Property—Update:

Nothing new. The project is in the works, going through the process.

Solar Array Proposal:

No news.

Monadnock Advisory Committee Update:

Nothing new.

There was a discussion about the signs at Little Monadnock that need replacing. Lindquist will find out the status of repair plans.

The State wants all signs to be standard.

Site Walk Reports: Young project; Campbell property

Kotila, Zug, Woolley, Green and Norskey visited the Young property on Scott Pond Rd. regarding a roof addition over a deck. The application was confusing. Members suggested ways of dealing with drainage from the roof. Kotila will make recommendations to the Planning Board.

The group also looked at the nearby Campbell property, observing that it is all swamp and there's not much the Commission could do with it. Zug will call the owner and suggest she talk to selectmen about donating the property to the Town.

Budget Reports:

Payroll YTD \$ 250.29

Update on Wenniger Property:

Nothing new. There is no for sale sign posted.

Planning Board:

Nothing reported.

Other Business:

The kiosk, map supply, etc. at WGTF are all good.

Green contacted the NH Lakes speaker who will be coming to talk to the Laurel Lake Association. She's fine with inviting other pond representatives from Fitzwilliam, but perhaps the invitations should not go beyond town. This will be discussed at a board meeting in June and could be put it in the newsletter.

Correspondence:

Letter from DOT, Rte. 12/119 intersection project; NH Lakes 2017 Congress announcement; Monadnock Conservancy: new stewardship manager, town forest monitoring visits, 2017 Easement Landowner Surveys for KMTF and WGTF; CT River Conservancy letter; Wetlands & Shoreland Permit Applications Processing Guide from Heidi Wood re our weekly request for any wetland permits.

Members discussed the State intersection project. We had no recommendations from a conservation aspect.

Kotila will fill out the Monadnock Conservancy survey.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Next meeting will be 19 June, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Sable, Secretary