

**Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission**  
**21 May 2018– Minutes - draft**

**Present:** Kevin Woolley, alternate; Hiel Lindquist; Paul Kotila, chair; Barbara Green; Dorothy Zug; Cheryl Norskey, Rick Brackett

**Minutes of 16 April 2018:**

Accepted as corrected

**Agenda Review:**

Update on Wenniger property

**Secretary Position Discussion**

Barb checked with the selectmen, and the vacant planning office position will be advertised (Danica Melone has resigned). Select Board is also checking if the person hired could also serve as Con Comm secretary; this might also help with on-going communication.

**Metzger TF Trails**

Rick reported no new updates from Lew Shelley. Rick noted there is still no “Class VI” road sign at the north end of Turner Rd., where the abutter has posted “No Trespassing” signs. Kotila will contact the town office to get a sign installed.

**Widow Gage TF**

Hiel reported that Frank Bequaert is replacing laminated signs along the WG and Metacomet trails. Rick and Hiel will do some trail work next Thursday. Repair to some boardwalks will have to wait until we can get some boards cut.

**Chamberlain Project**

Rick and Paul attended a recent grant writing workshop for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) in Concord. Rick will be applying for funding on behalf of the Monadnock Conservancy for trail work. He will be seeking partners for the project, and will get back to the Con Comm when a project budget is complete. Proposal deadline is the end of June 2018.

**Stone Pond**

Rick noted that the ARM funding application deadline has passed without the current owners making an application. The owner’s attorney has contacted NRCS regarding possible assistance with dam removal (towns are not eligible).

**Wenniger Property**

Dorothy reported a lot from the Wenniger property has been sold.

**Shoreland Protection Overlay District (SPOD)**

Con Comm is unclear about the status of this. The most recent copy we have is from Feb 2018. It is not listed on the agenda of the next Planning Board meeting. Barb will check with Matt Buonomano regarding possible concerns.

**Dog Waste Cleanup**

Hiel will purchase additional bags. We might consider placing an additional station at the Chamberlain property in the future.

### **Solar Array Proposal**

Kevin, Dorothy, and Hiel attended the public information session for this project.

**Monadnock Advisory Committee** – no updates

### **Site Walks**

Fullum Hill - Dorothy will contact Ms. Borden about a site walk sometime after 15 June.

Yensan Property, Laurel Lake – the house replacement has been approved by DES with plans modified to remove the perimeter drain that originally went to the lake.

### **Budget**

Barb reported donations in memory of Katie Metzger are about \$500. We will discuss possible use of these funds at our next meeting.

### **Other Business**

Kevin noted a town Energy Commission has been created.

Barb noted there may be concerns regarding Pinnacle trails (the Schupack easement).

The SWRPC annual meeting is 12 June 2018. Alan Rumrill, Director Historical Society of Cheshire County, will present on Monadnock Region history.

### **Correspondence**

DES permit for Yensan property.

Request from Monadnock Conservancy for annual land owner reports on Widow Gage & Metzger easements (Kotila will do).

Letter (c.c.) from town citizens to Select Board requesting formation of Energy Commission.

Solicitation to join Connecticut River Conservancy.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be June 18, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Kotila, Chair