

TOWN OF HOLDERNESS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, 14 May 2019

4:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members Present: Larry Spencer, Chairman; Anne Packard; Brian Gagnon; Jacquelyn Jewell; Ben Amsden; Shelagh Connelly

Members Not Present: Woodie Laverack, Ex Officio

Staff Present: Linda Levy, Land Use Assistant

Call to Order: Larry Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission approved the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting.

MAIL CHECK:

1. NH Lakes Congress Flyer – May 30-31 Meeting at Church Landing
2. NH Tree Owners' Association Newsletter
3. Timber Crier Magazine (Spring 2019 edition)

OLD ITEMS:

1. Spring tasks on properties
 - a. Anne will check with Emily at SLA regarding the clean-up of blow downs on Pilote Forest (Brian had been there and reported that the trails seem to be clear)
 - b. Larry has the bench for the Howe Forest (Brian and Ben will help Larry install the bench)
 - c. Scott Bishop would like to have his students build a bench for the Howe Forest and a roof over the kiosk
 - d. Larry will remind Kevin to put fill for the parking lot on the Smith-Sargent property
2. Northern Pass – May 15th the case goes before the Supreme Court
3. Work on an easement for the Ox Bow area – the Irving Co. is not interested in doing it at this time
4. Parking Lot for Livermore Falls on the Plymouth/Campton side – Larry was there recently, there are no signs and no parking lot

NEW ITEMS:

1. Monitoring reports for 2019 – Commissioners will get out to their assigned forests as the weather cooperates
2. Next steps on the Howe Town Forest Easement – Michael will work with Roger on the next steps
3. Summer Schedule and Duties – the last meeting is June 11 (til Sept), if any meeting needs to happen before Sept, Anne will be the Chair
4. Student work on DDT in Squam Lake, Bennet Cove - a graduate student at PSU is examining DDT in Bennet Cove; when her research is completed, data will be shared
5. An eagle was seen on Great Island on the ground, Fish and Game were notified, the eagle was brought to the Science Center where it died from lead poisoning

6. PFAS issue – it is a family of chemical compounds that make plastic products. PFAS has found its way into waste water systems. Our septic systems are contributing to the issue as they are pumped out and brought to Plymouth. The limits that are being voted on are too low. We need to be mindful of what this means for our society.
7. An abutter to the Pemi Fish and Game Club sent a complaint to Jackie (who passed it on to Michael) because their website advertises that they have expanded their 200-yard range to 600 yards. Michael talked with the Town's Counsel who said that they can do that. The Commission questioned that reply and discussed that lead is also a concern, especially now that they have a 600-yard range which allows higher powered guns. With more lead, there is higher potential for greater run-off into Owl Brook. The club uses lime to mitigate the lead. Discussion also included that the Commission offered them best practices which they have chosen not to use. Linda suggested that the complaints be put in writing identifying both the noise and increase in lead issues, and possible creating a new ordinance to be brought before the town via petition for next March's Town Warrant.

Up Coming Meetings

1. Water supply conference in May at the Grappone Center in Concord, Thursday, May 16th.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda P. Levy".

Linda Levy
Land Use Board Assistant