

Conservation Minutes for June 24, 2015

Present: Jim Barker, Chairman, Rickey Poor, Dale Rook, Steven Wilkie, Bob Bulkeley, Patrick Clancy, Frank Parks, Jen Schad, John Hammond

Public: Corey Fitch

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Jim Barker, Chair

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dale Rook seconded by Patrick Clancy. The minutes were approved as presented.

Corey Fitch was introduced. He is possibly interested in the Alternate Conservation Member position that is open. He talked about why he is interested in joining the Commission.

Monitoring – Jim, Jen and Rickey monitored the Lenz and Barker properties on Saturday June 20. Both properties were in good order.

The Niedecker property could not be monitored because of scheduling conflicts as the owners want to be present. We will try and schedule it in the fall. We do not have a GPS outline of this property.

The remaining four properties will hopefully be scheduled for July and August.

There is interest in members learning to use the GPS. It is thought that the Shurcliff easement might be a good one to practice on. It was agreed that this could be done as part of the July Conservation meeting on July 22. Members will meet at the Town Offices and then head over to the Shurcliff easement on River Rd.

Japanese Knot Weed – Frank mentioned that the Knot Weed near the 12% solution and on other areas of State Highway's right of way the Knot Weed appears to have been sprayed. He was wondering if this was a new method of eradication and if so what was it. It was assumed that the State Highway crew is doing the work.

Patrick said he had eradicated a small section of Knot Weed by mowing regularly.

Education Committee – Jen Schad agreed to chair the education committee.

Frank will schedule a "Tick Talk" and let Jen know the date. It will be held on the CREA land. It will be publicized in "Plain Facts" and on "Connect Cornish".

There is continued interest in a talk on "Invasive Species". There is one scheduled to be jointly presented by the Cornish Garden Club and the Commission that is scheduled for this fall. Jen will check with Buzz Lord about the details of this program.

Alternate member – Jim asked Corey if he was still interested in the position of alternate. He said he was. Dale moved and Bob seconded a motion to pass Corey's name on to the Selectboard. It passed unanimously. Jim will do this.

The Education and Water Committees will meet informally after the Conservation Commission adjourns its meeting.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Dale. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectively submitted,
Rickey Poor, Secretary