

Conservation Minutes for Aug. 26, 2015

Present: Jim Barker, Chairman, Rickey Poor, Buz Lord, Dale Rook, Bill Gallagher, Frank Parks, Jenny Schad, John Hammond

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Jim Barker, Chair

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dale Rook and seconded by Buz Lord. Bill and Buz each made minor corrections. Jim will add his name as the recorder. The minutes were approved as corrected. Jim will make the corrections.

CREA – The Selectmen will be posting CREA tomorrow, Aug. 27 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Barn if you can help. CREA will announce that the land has been posted.

New members – Jim approached Sue Fitch to be a member. She was unaware that Corey had joined the Commission. She was not sure if two members from the same family can/should be on the Commission. It was also suggested that we ask Corey for ideas in order to draw additional members from the younger generation.

Jim has resigned from the NHACC board but is working with the executive director on policies etc.

Easement monitoring – We have completed both Barker pieces and Charlie Surcliff's. We will try and set up the White Swan Farm for this weekend. That leaves the Niedecker's and the two Mayette parcels.

Invasive Species Talk – Buz will check in with the Garden Club to see how we can assist with this joint presentation.

Agent used on Knotweed – Jen asked about the agent used earlier this year on the knotweed that has been growing in the State's right of way. Jim referred her to the letter he had received earlier from the State after his letter asking similar questions. It is a particularly strong form of Round-Up. When it gets to the water it becomes inert. A discussion about buffer zones along streams vs boundaries ensued.

Covered Bridge – The covered bridge over the Conn. Will be worked on in 2016. The State will be working on piers. It has been suggested that at the same time they build a viewing area to help keep sightseers from entering the roadway.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Frank Parks and seconded by Dale Rook. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Rickey Poor