

Conservation Minutes for September 23, 2015

Present: Jim Barker, Chairman, Rickey Poor, Dale Rook, Frank Parks, Steve Wilkie, Corey Fitch, John Berry

Public : Deanna Meadows Fitch

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Jim Barker, Chair

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dale and seconded by Frank.
The minutes were approved as presented.

CREA – A group met to post the CREA property. The line that starts across the road from the State Garage and heads in a southerly direction was not done. It was too wet and hard to follow. Will plan on doing it at a later time when conditions are more favorable. There were lots of signs of deer.

Wetlands – There are two permits that have been approved. One is The Blue Mountain Forest Preserve who will be doing some logging and the Town of Cornish will be working on Chase Hill Rd.

The invasive species talk that the CC co-sponsored with the Garden Club was well attended. The speaker was very knowledgeable and covered a lot of ground. Japanese Knotweed is considered the most invasive. There is a beetle that is starting to make headway on Purple Loosestrife. Oct is a good time to look for escaped burning bush.

We have a file on invasives. It was suggested that in the spring we consider a trial removal in some specific area

Poisom Ivy seems to be spreading faster and growing in new areas.. Zenfel was mentioned as a product that can help control the poison ivy rash. It is available over the counter but is not cheap.

Monitoring – White Swan Farm has been monitored as has the Neideckers. The boundaries on virtually all of the Neideckers have been identified. White Swan Farm is being readied for sale. It was suggested that this would be a good time to prepare an information packet to be given to new property owners of lands with conservation easements. This might be a group who could meet after meetings. Shurcliff has also been monitored.

Mayette's – We will try and set up a monitoring time for Sunday Oct 4 to do both Meyette properties. Will try for 9 sh.

Eagle Scout Project - Lucus Roper is working at remapping the Town Forest using a GPS. There is a question as to what should/might be included. Stone walls, cellar holes and school houses were suggested as possibilities.

Four Winds - Rickey presented a bill for the Four Winds booklets (\$49). This will come from

the Palmer Fund.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Dale and seconded by Steve. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Respectively submitted,
Rickey Poor, Secretary