

Conservation Minutes for May 25, 2016

Present: Members: Bill Gallagher, Vice-Chairman, Rickey Poor, Dale Rook, Steven Wilkie, Ryer Jaarsma

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Bill G

The minutes were discussed but no formal vote to accept them was taken.

Tick Talk – The tick talk was well attended with over 20 people participants. Frank's format of a presentation with questions and answers was well received. It was felt that this talk could be done again next spring, perhaps in conjunction with another event such as a fishing derby or a bird walk.

DES – The Commission received a notice that the Parry's on Jackson Rd had been notified of a wetlands violation. The notice pointed out the violation and what is and what is not allowed. No other action was taken.

Grant – There has been no news yet on the Claremont Savings grant application for stream monitoring.

CREA – After the Tick Talk Ryer walked over the area that has been monitored for beaver activity. It appeared that the town has been pulling things out in order to keep the water flowing. The beaver baffle has not been replaced. It is not clear what the next steps should be. A Commission workshop on building beaver baffles was suggested.

Town Forest – Lucas Roper has been mapping the Town Forest trails for his Eagle Scout project and Steve Wilkie presented the map Lucas has developed. Kiosks at Paddy Hollow and on Tandy Brook Rd still need to be built but the project is almost complete. There was some discussion if smaller maps (8.5x11) should be printed up and available at the Town Offices or just a link to the map on the Town Web Site? If they are available at the Town Offices should there be a small fee to cover the cost? No final decisions were made on printing maps.

Monitoring – Jim and Rickey walked Back Achers East and West on Sunday May 22. The next property to be monitored is the Neidecker and hopefully the Shurcliff property at the same time.

Steve will try and work with Jim on getting the Neidecker boundary onto the GPS unit so we can walk that property in late June. Steve indicated that two of the pins appear to be in the road bed. He wondered if a deed search would show that when the road was moved (around 1958?) the boundary was also changed. These records are online.

Dale moved and Steve seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:12PM

Respectively submitted,
Rickey Poor

