

Conservation Minutes for July 27, 2016

Present: Members: Jim Barker, Chair, Bill Gallagher, Vice-Chairman, Rickey Poor, Dale Rook, Steven Wilkie, Reyer Jaarsma Corey Fitch, Deanna Fitch, John Hammond, Selectman

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Jim Barker

Dale moved and Reyer seconded the motion to accept the June minutes. Reyer corrected the spelling of his name. No other corrections were made and the minutes were approved as corrected.

CREA- Jim met with the Selectmen to discuss a 25 year celebration of the CREA property. There will be a planning meeting on Sunday, August 25 and the celebration will take place on Sunday, Oct. 9. Ideas being considered are: a history board and/or talk, opportunities for kids, trail walking, a cookout. Deanna and Corey Fitch will attend the planning meeting and others are welcome.

Stream Testing – The Conservation Commission received \$1000 grant from the Claremont Savings Bank to cover the costs of one year of testing. Jim shared a map showing the testing sites. After reviewing one change was made. Blow-Me-Down will be tested before it enters Cornish Flat and also when it leaves Cornish rather than farther downstream where it re-enters Cornish. Testing needs to be done Monday -Thursday. The second week of Aug. is a proposed date to start.

Rain Fall – Bill proposed the Conservation Commission keep track of the monthly rain fall. Dale Rook keeps track of this and he agreed to pass his data on to Jim who will put it on the web site.

White Swan Farm – There may be an interested buyer. A subdivision is allowed and this might be considered if the sale occurs. Jim will call the UVLT to clarify the easement.

Monitoring – Neidecker property has been done. White Swan Farm and Charlie Shurcliff will be done next. Sunday morning July 31 is presently scheduled to visit these two properties if arrangements can be made. Meyette properties will be done later when it is a little cooler.

Aug. and Sept. meetings – The August meeting will be at least partially a planning meeting for Sept when the first hour of the Conservation Commission meeting will be a public forum on putting easements on ones property.

GPS – Corey and Steve will work together and meet with the UVLT to make sure the Neidecker property is properly loaded onto the Commission's GPS.

Storm Damage - Wayne (Road Agent) reported that in the last storm some “scenic roads” received some storm damage.

Dale moved and Bill seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed at 7:55.

Respectively submitted,
Rickey Poor