

Lyndeborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

for 14 Jun 18

meeting started at 6:30, adjourned at 8:01

present: Sharon Akers, Kris Henry, Lou Sorrentino, Greg Kreider

1. We have \$6628.62 in the bank.
2. Sharon told us about her visit to the Wilton Conservation Commission in May to discuss joint road cleanup projects. They thought it was a good idea and set up a joint committee with Sharon, Donna Crane, and Jennifer Beck. We will look at having the Lyndeborough ConComm sponsor a state highway section, preferably Center Road if possible, or Route 31. Lou will look into how to do this.
3. Mike Decubellis and Tom Jones (PLC) met with the Amherst couple again. They are still considering the options for what they want to do with their parcel, but have the information they need. They replaced a footbridge last weekend that had washed out.
4. Painting over the graffiti at the lower Purgatory Falls was unsuccessful. Next attempt is to sand it off.
5. Sharon accompanied a tour of the PLC easement off Richardson Road (former Grossman property) that had been logged. There is gravel wash-out into Cold Brook. The PLC might pursue a culvert grant to help with the problem.
6. Greg told us about the Regional Open Space Meeting last week in Milford. Amanda Stone from the UNH Coop Extension talked about the Wildlife Action Plan and landscape and scoring maps, and then the meeting split into groups to talk about cross-town cooperative efforts. Some ideas that came out of the meeting: 1) Present the WAP maps to the Planning and Select Boards, who may not be aware of the 2015 update. Greg to follow up; it would also be good to be prepared to talk about our ideas for town-wide projects, such as a trails network. 2) Involve the community by putting the map on a poster, displaying it at say Town Meeting, and having people mark and register wildlife sightings. 3) Wilton ConComm is sending out a letter to landowners of highly ranked parcels to offer help in the preservation and usage of the land. We think doing something similar in Lyndeborough would be a great outreach. Greg to gather a list of properties and owner contacts. 4) The UNH Coop Extension has a Community Assistance Program to help Conservation Commissions use the WAP information plan. We don't think it's needed now, perhaps when we have a specific need or project. Greg to contact Ms. Stone about getting a large landscape map and to invite her for an introductory meeting (without applying for the program). For the second half, we talked with the Wilton ConComm about preserving the large undeveloped areas on the town borders, and thought to focus on the area around Burton Pond. Kris will look into contact information, especially for the lots to the east of the pond.
7. We discussed the two warrant articles for the town forest, one using deed restrictions and one a conservation easement to protect the property. We would like to know the costs for each, the legal fees for the deed transfers (Sharon to ask) and the land trust fees/donation for the easement (about \$10k). We also would like a summary of the legal protection for a deed restriction vs. easement (Greg to ask). The NRI says there's an easement on a 9.4 acre property on Bullard Rd - who holds that?
8. It has been suggested to remove the cabin on the town forest as part of a logging operation. We would prefer not to do a cut. Other ideas to get help: make this an Eagle

Scout project (Kris to get contact info), or hire a crew this summer with the money we have budgeted.

9. Community Day is 11 Aug. We'll sponsor a hike around the Upper Falls, maybe onto the Wah-Lum tract if not too long for the hike.