

Draft Minutes October 12, 2011 meeting, Weare Conservation Commission

Members present: Andrew Fulton, Stephen Najjar, Wendy Stevens

Guest: Mike LaFleur

1. Maple Sugaring – Mike LaFleur requested permission to tap Sugar Maples in the Corliss Woods Conservation Area following the same arrangement the commission made with Tim Camp. Mike informed the commission that Tim Camp had passed away and he acquired Tim's equipment. Andy Fulton suggested the commission enter into a one year agreement with Mike and continue with the same agreement for a donation to the Weare Food Pantry. Steve made motion with second by Wendy to give permission to tap maples following same arrangement that Tim Camp had agreed upon. The commission requested the following in writing: number of taps, report with amount produced and amount donated to Weare Food Pantry. Andy requested email with details of proposal. The vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Forestry – Invoice was received from Meadowsend Timber Land (MTL) for \$3622.50. A Forestry Services Agreement (FSA) was also received from MTL for \$2,015 to mark the property boundary on the Chevy Hill Town Forest which Chairman Fulton approved (per September 2011 meeting), the expenditure will be billed to the 2011 Town Forest Account authorization.
3. Forest Management Plan – MTL submitted a final draft plan for commission review, discussion regarding the plan was held. Steve commented against designating the fen and Ferrin Pond "ecological reserves", felt there was no basis in law and the same objectives could be met through text in the plan. Andy was OK with the feedback, Wendy also OK. All agreed the plan should continue to protect the integrity of the fen and pond. Commission members discussed asking MTL about working some type of outreach forestry presentation in the budget. Members also discussed possibly adding creation of a management plan for Bartlett Brook Forest into the 2011 forestry work plan.
4. Signs – Wendy created sign for Mountain Road/Ferrin Pond. Discussed potential source for signs, Andy mentioned Voss Signs. Steve questioned the \$10,000 fine on the sign, recommended sending to police for review. Steve suggested adding Weare Town Forest and Weare Conservation Land to the top of sign.
5. Mountain Road – Discussed having Tom Carr attend a future meeting to discuss proposal from Meridian Land Services. Also discussed the use of Mountain Road by Land Rover Club, Wendy found video on You Tube which documented destructive use of wetlands for mudding. Discussed merit of contacting the club of letting NHDES or the Weare PD handle the issue. Steve suggested that Wendy could fill out a wetland complaint form with NHDES.
6. NHDES – Reviewed several letters from NHDES for forestry, dredge and fill and shoreland impacts.
7. Forestry Complaint – Andy was contacted by Alicia Walker regarding a timber harvest near Mt Dearborn. Steve suggested having Alicia contact NH Forest and Lands.
8. 2012 Proposed Budget – Steve motioned to submit the same proposed budget as the 2011 proposed budget, Wendy 2nd the motion all were in favor.
9. Monitoring – Andy will contact Tom Carr regarding Collins Ledge monitoring.
10. Review of September 2011 minutes – Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Steve, Andy 2nd. Andy and Steve in favor, Wendy abstained.

Motion to adjourn 8:56.