

Conservation Commission Minutes

10/11/22

Meeting convened at 6:35 pm.

Present: Chris Fithian, Mike Morin, Steve Frackleton, Colleen Ryan, Craig Billie

The September meeting was cancelled due to conflict with the election and several members being unavailable.

New business:

NH Association of Conservation Commission annual meeting is Sat. Nov. 5 in Pembroke

Chris received an inquiry from Bill Wood of Attitash looking for more information about the Thorne Pond conservation easement, related to whether the mountain is allowed to pull water from the river. Chris gave him a summary of the easement requirements and let him know that there is a copy of the easement in the commission's files, if he wants to see it. However, the easement holder is the State of NH, so the town does not have any authority or jurisdiction over it.

Old business:

Cleanup day: Commission discussed hosting another roadside cleanup day. Decision was to host it from 9 to noon. Colleen will post it on the Facebook page and ask people to send their email addresses to the ConComm email address if interested. The tentative plan is to focus on the Intervale flats; location and rain date to be determined (by Steve).

Easement monitoring: As far as anyone knows, no town-held easements have been monitored in several years. Best practice is to monitor at least annually. The commission plans to remedy this by making a list of town-owned easements and coming up with a tentative schedule for monitoring inspections. Mike will check a national online database to see if there are any town-owned easements that aren't in our files and start a master easement list. They should all be recorded at the Registry of Deeds, as well. Available members plan to meet at 2 pm on Oct.16 to monitor the Stillings Grant easement. Mike will bring an easement monitoring form to be filled out on the visit. We will also add site visits to town-owned lands to the monitoring schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Next month's meeting will be at 6:00 on November 15, to avoid a conflict with election day.