

Hartland Conservation Commission

Minutes: 14-June-2017

Next Meeting: Old Home Day (OHD) on 4-July and after that 13-Sept-2017

Attending: Rob Anderegg, Chris Collier, Dean Greenberg, Knox Johnson, Cordie Merritt, Zach Ralph, and Jennifer Waite

Topics Discussed:

- Minutes from our 10-May meeting were approved with two changes: under topic 4 add “stream table” after flood resilience and under topic 9 change Jackson to Jaxon.
- Regarding the Howe farm no decision is expected before the family reunion on 25-June
- A brief reminder of this year’s goals and what we have already done was made.
- Our activities at OHD will begin with set up of the stream table around 7 am. Cordie will speak to John Leonard to find out our assigned location for the festivities. General set up will begin at 8:30 or 9 to be completed before the parade.
- August 12 at 8:30 was selected as a work day at Foster Meadow. There are some European alder that will need serious chain saw attention.
- Friday Farmers market offers space to nonprofit organizations. Rob will speak to Brian Stroffolino as to what may be available to us.
- Our inventory walk on the Summarsell land will be on 25-June at 8:30. The suggestion has been made that area could be used as a dog park. Such a plan may not be allowed by the easement agreement. The SB has yet to act on our suggested management plan for the parcel. Such action needs to be expedited.
- Water testing was conducted in coordination with the Corps of Engineers (COE) at North Hartland Lake on 5-June. The COE result for the E. coli test was 3 CFU’s /100ml and our lab result was 6 CFU’s /100ml. Dean has reached out to Nancy McNally from COE to see if this difference is significant. We will continue to test at present sites except above Sumner’s Falls will be discontinued and Alder Meadow Brook will be added. Dean will get our existing results to Laura for posting. Chris suggested a disclaimer letter that we are not offering health advice.
- Zach introduced a “Mayors for 100%” letter. It is a goal of the Sierra Club to get mayors of cities to agree to use 100% renewable energy by 2035. It was suggested the letter could be altered to more accurately reflect Hartland’s efforts in this direction. This should be presented to the new Town manager. We need to meet with this individual to explain our aims.
- A book was presented to Derek Harrington for his poem written for Green up Day. Rob has spoken to the new principal at HES. She would like to have a walk along the 17 acre wood path before students return in September. Twin States trailer has been joined by a boat. Rob will pen a letter to the SB about this problem.
- Removal of box elder from the slope above the Library Field was approved by the SB in March 2016. Clear cutting was not indicated. We would hope to be consulted before such an action in the future

Submitted by Dean Greenberg