NCC Minutes 3/19/18

Open meeting 7:10 p.m.

Present: S. Shope, D. Mason, L. Hill, L. Carroll, J. Asnini, P. Lewis, T. Winn, J. Couture (alt.) Resident W. Meserve

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 1/15/18- S. Shope motions to accept, P. Lewis seconds, all in favor YES
- b) Treasurer's report 1/1/18-2/28/18- S. Shope motions to accept, L. Hill seconds, all in favor YES

2) ESRALC presentation:

William Meserve representing ESRALC to talk about their work.

Newfields has 2 designated rivers- the Squamscott and the Lamprey.

Nitrogen study has shown that it is unlikely goals for water quality will ever be met. Newfields has instuted fairly strong storm water drainage regulations but upstream emissions are still a concern. ESRALC is purely advisory but they are trying to educate communities. Would like Newfields to return current use funds to the conservation commission but this is unlikely to happen until the Greenway bond has been paid off. Federal funds are now hard to come by.

S. Shope asked whether they are educating people re: cost vs. benefit? W. Meserve replied that following best practices for storm water drainage ultimately saves money.

In conclusion, B. Meserve states that we need to educate people to maintain their septic systems or consider connecting into the sewer system and we need to better regulate development.

3) Old Business:

a) Warrant article to make Cuba Rd. a Class A trail passed.

b) Old Lee Rd. bridge repair- Need volunteers. J. Couture and T. Winn volunteered. They will contact A. Chafee. Goal is to make it safe for pedestrians.

4) New Business:

- a) Boardwalk in the Piscassic Greenway- SELT applying for trail grants
- b) Agritourism committee- Town looking for volunteers from each board to join. L. Carroll volunteered. We should come up with guidelines at the April meeting. J. Asinini has suggested creating initial guidelines then using the results to guide the terms of an eventual ordinance.
- c) Memorial for Ray LaBranche- L. Hill spoke to Jean LaBranche about placing a bench in his memory in the George Smith woodlot. She approved of the suggestion. L. Hill will follow up.
- d) Monitoring report received from SELT for the Byrne property (now Roosevelt). Minor issues encountered.
- e) D. Mason and A. Watts are up for renewal.
- f) P. Lewis- Interested in dealing with trail maintenance. Exeter Cons. Comm. is looking into purchasing a "Snow Dog" which is used to pack down the snow on the trails. He is wondering if we might do the same. He will get more information.

Adjourn 8:20 p.m.