

NCC Minutes 9/17/18

Open meeting: 7:04 p.m.

Present: J. Asnaani, D. Mason, T. Winn, L. Hill

Guests- Brian Hart of SELT, Amanda Stone from UNH Coop. Ext.

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 6/18/18: T. Winn motions to accept, J. Asnaani seconds, all in favor YES
- b) Treasurer's report: 6/1/18-8/31/18: J. Asnaani motions to accept, T. Winn seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Old Business:

- a) Piscassic Greenway bridge: Brian Hart from SELT- Newfields CC previously committed \$6,000 to the project in 2015. SELT working with a company to insert pilings into the wetlands to have minimal impact (similar to what was done on the Tucker property). Bridge will also support snowmobile use. They are hoping to start the work soon (Sept./Oct.) so as not to impact the Blandings turtles.
J. Asnaani asked whether someone from SELT will oversee the work. B. Hart replied that P. Auger will oversee the work.
D. Mason stated as an aside that some of the bog bridges in the Greenway are starting to rot. B. Hart replied that he will look into it.
L. Hill motions to approve to pay the \$6,000, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Easements: No problems found at Daley, McCarthy or Silverstein easements.
- c) Memorial bench for Ray LaBranche: L. Hill- SPNHF denied the request to put it in the George Smith Woodlot. L. Hill discussed alternatives with Jean LaBranche (i.e. the library) but she would also be on board with a donation to Great Bay. L. Hill will further investigate alternatives.
- d) J. Asnaani- still no action on the agritourism committee

3) New Business:

- a) Updated Coastal Conservation Plan: Amanda Stone from UNH Coop. Extension
 - Working with the Nature Conservancy, they have updated the plan from 2006, concentrating on water conservation. Main goals are to mitigate flooding and to conserve water quality.
 - Presented 3 maps each highlighting areas of importance for:
 - 1) Flood risk reduction
 - 2) Buffers for preserving water quality
 - 3) Various benefits (i.e. pollution attenuation)
 - Reviewed maps for Newfields pointing out areas to concentrate on inland and along Great Bay (i.e. the campground)
 - The town needs to update its natural resources inventory, then plan accordingly. We need to update maps and incorporate goals into the Master Plan. Theresa Walker of RPC would be a good source for guidance.
- b) Vienneau property- L. Hill received a call today from Scott Pearl of Old Lee Rd.. His property abutts the Vienneau land where a new house is being constructed and stated that they have cut down trees that may be on his property and are also causing erosion into the adjacent wetland. He was told by Sue McKinnon that there is a conservation easement on the property. I explained to him that the town did not hold the easement but I would investigate. I contacted

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Alison Watts who thought that maybe NCRS held the easement. I also drove by the area and looked at maps. It looks like the construction is in the excluded area. I again contacted the Pearls and gave them the above information. I told them their best course of action would be to ask the building inspector to stop construction until the matter could be settled.

- c) Mail- NH Cons. Comm. Annual meeting is 11/3. J. Asnaani may try to attend.
 - SELT- Trail Fest is 9/22/18
 - Received wetlands permit for bridge in the Greenway

4) Next meeting Oct. 15, 2018

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill, 9/17/18