

Present: Tim Fleury, vice chair, Cliff Fields, Barbara Chalmers
Absent: Van Webb, Ginny Gwynn, Doug Hanson, Sylvia Kellner
Meeting at Town Hall called to order by Tim Fleury at 7:00 PM.
Technical problems did not allow for Zoom connection.
Quorum was not present, so items were not voted on.

1. MINUTES

- No vote to adopt June minutes.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ginny is away and sent the following report by email:
Conservation Commission Fund as of 7/2/23: Ending balance = \$235,779.10. This includes completed transfer of \$6,495 in Land Use Change Tax into the account as well as an inflow of \$10.17 of interest and payments totaling \$1,487.50.
Town Forest Fund balance: \$17,293.81
Dewey Woods Fund balance: \$ 1,621.76
Invoice of \$281.25 was paid in June
- No vote to adopt August treasurer's report

3. INVOICES

- Outstanding invoices to be paid:
1) LS Regional Planning Commission for NRI map update: \$245
2) MeadowsEnd invoice for Dewey Woods field walk in June \$200
- No vote to pay invoices.

4. MAIL

Ausbon Sargent conservation monitoring reports for Ledge Pond Lot, Wendell Marsh lots, Webb Forest arrived. At Ledge Pond lot: Need follow-up on snowmobile trail erosion, found paddleboat at remote site on north shore. At Wendell Marsh: Sam Perry has posted more no trespassing signs along his boundary but signs are on town land.

DES Violation letters:

- Burkehaven Hill Rd. Jean Molloy: Jun 29 Inspection & Notice of violation, dock installed with no permit. Dock is not grandfathered, to be removed. (Dock still there as of July 31)
- Burkehaven Hill Rd. David Lemare: Inspection of alleged shore disturbance and vegetation cutting. June inspection found expanded and resurfaced parking area and vegetation removal. Submission of shoreland permit application required by Sep 30 to retain the unpermitted impacts.
- 146 Garnet St. Dale Dewey: Alleged wetland disturbance violation at brook entering lake. Inspection pending.

DES Permit Applications:

- 54 Birch Pt Road: Jul 26 DES application under review for new bunkhouse & boat bldg
- 76 Garnet St. Stacy Madison: June 27 Boathouse replacement in kind, approved.
- 90 Garnet St Michael Kelly: Application for work in shoreland zone: more information requested July 6.
- 90 Garnet St. Michael Kelly: Application for work on existing boathouse and dock.
- 98 Garnet St. Chris Murphy: Application for shoreland zone impact to build garage. DES wants more information.
- 169 Lake Ave: DES application under review for walk, 100 sf addition to house, tree removal.
- 173 Lake Ave, Gottling: Boathouse repair application. July 5 DES requested more information.

- 92 Garnet Hill Rd: Jeff Paul: June 13 Boathouse crib repairs permit by notification.
- 2 Mustard Seed Lane, Garnet Hill Rd issued shoreland permit by notification for 260 sf impact area to repair existing storm drain.
- 29 Nilsen Lane: July 11 DES Shoreland permit app for removal of existing deck & retaining wall.
- Perkins Pond 23 North Shore Rd: DES issued shoreland permit by notification for repair of 2 retaining walls.
- Perkins Pond 20 Burma Road: DES issued shoreland permit by notification to removed 3 dead trees.
- Twin Islands, Campbell Trust: Jun 29 Permit issued for connecting dock at islands.
- 4 Woodland Rd: DES issued permit to construct garage and pervious patio.

Other: DES has issued a new municipal roadway soils fact sheet regarding soils with and without contamination. See Environmental Fact Sheet SW-38.

5. VISITORS

- Andy Deegan of Ausbon Sargent: Reported that A-S has prioritized working with towns with fewer acres conserved than the recommended 30%. Sunapee is one of those towns. A-S suggests an informational neighborhood coffee be held for landowners in the high priority northwest section of town regarding conservation easements. Van to contact Jolyon Johnson to see if he will host a meeting. **Action by Van**
Barbara will send Andy information re conserved lands in Sunapee from the 2022 NRI.
Action by Barbara
- Vicki Jepson and Doug Windsor discussed concerns regarding safety, traffic, erosion, and Otter Brook water quality degradation for the Goodhue Boat Co. proposal for Georges Mills.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- NRI Action Plan:
 - Build-out analysis: Ask Olivia about cost and if she can provide a sample of one? Ask Michael Marquis if this has ever been done before in town. **Pending**
 - Invasives Mapping: Ginny has recruited several volunteers to help identify and map stands of Japanese Knotweed.
 - A town email blast re NRI was sent out in June. Barbara & Ginny will be at Farmer's Market in August, date TBD. **Action by Ginny & Barbara**
 - Barbara will be presenting a program at the historical society's harbor museum about the history of the town's parks, conservation lands, and NRI on August 17 at 7 PM.
 - Summer town meeting information table: **Pending**
 - What are Sunapee's existing "Low Impact Development" provisions of zoning? What could be added to supplement it? **Pending**
 - Wetlands Overlay District: Review by Scott Hazelton and Michael Marquis w/ a Com Com member re wetlands ordinance. **Pending**
 - Vernal Pool mapping: On-going volunteer effort, need to put word out requesting volunteers. Barbara has located 7 vernal pools to date. **Pending**
- View Easement at Ryder Corner Road: Tim reported no news. Tim and Van to meet with Shannon. **Action by Tim and Van**
- Peer Review Meeting: Barbara reported no June meeting was held. The July meeting focused on the Goodnow Company plans for retail boat showroom at Route 11, Georges Mills. They did not present at July Planning Board meeting since the traffic study was not yet completed, but may be ready for the August planning board meeting.

- Update on Tree Stand Removal & Right-of-way: Stand lumber remains on the ground, Tim and Van to meeting with Shannon re right-of-way. Tim reported that Aaron Simpson has researched and provided deed copies that regard the right-of-way. Legal access to town land is a town responsibility. **Action by Tim and Van**
- QR Code for Rec Use Data: Barbara updated the QR code graphic at trailhead kiosks. Cliff has not yet confirmed with Allyson at Town Office that it is working along with our outlook email. **Action by Cliff**
- Dewey Woods / Bartlett-Tyler Town Forests: Site walk June 14 was conducted without MeadowsEnd. Trees on town forest north of Carey lot at Garnet Hill Road were viewed. As directed, Barbara wrote the Careys to advise them that they should flag the trees of concern which will be viewed by the town forester and if OK'd, then the Carey's can have the trees taken down at their expense. As of our August meeting, there has been no response. Van and Jeremy of MeadowsEnd met later in June and Van will report at our next meeting. **Action by Van**
- Ledge Pond Trail Erosion: Cliff and Tim discussed the extent and nature of the trail erosion and conclude it is not caused by logging operations of a few years ago. Corrective work will require a wetlands permit. Tim will talk with Ausbon Sargent. **Action by Tim**
- Dewey Woods Ball Field Improvements: Steve Bourque of Rec Department sent information to Van regarding extents of proposed improvements and parking relocation. No expansion into forested areas is proposed. Barbara will forward a copy to SFPNHF for their information and comment. **Action by Barbara**
- Proposed Dog Park: No new information about dog park proposal for either Ski Tow Hill or Dewey Woods meadow.
- Commission Vacancy: Town email went out regarding vacancy with no responses.

New Business

- Tim noted that the Hanover Conservation Commission forum on natural approach to forest management is about encouraging old growth forests and sequestering atmospheric carbon.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting: September 6 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chalmers, secretary