

Present: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Mark Reynolds, Terry Mattson, Ginny Gwynn, Barbara Chalmers

Absent: Matt Hurd, Cliff Fields

Guests: Olivia Uyizeye, UVSRPC, Andy Deagan of Ausbon Sargent

Those noted above met at Town Hall, call to order at 7:00. The following was discussed:

1. MINUTES

Motion to approve June minutes by Mark, 2nd by Ginny. Abstaining: Van and Terry. Approved unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

a. Mark reported accounts aren't straightened out yet, but an electronic bank account system is being set up. ConCom Fund Account: \$139,165 based on May statement. Mark confirmed funds allocated to expense categories can be shifted to cover category overages. Mark reported annual SPNHF membership bill of \$250 has not come in yet.

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Barbara, 2nd by Terry, accepted unanimously.

b. Pending from Jan: Shift of funds to one consolidated bank account later in year.

c. Pending from Apr: Shift MeadowsEnd GPS billing to a different account.

3. MAIL

Wetlands Board: Permit by notification for Netata Cote, Burma Road to replenish sand on existing beach.

4. INVOICES - None

5. PRESENTATIONS - VISITORS

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): Olivia provided a written overview of the NRI report foundations and goals, noting areas that she will need our input (primarily photos and short narratives about significant features and places.)

- Olivia asked each member for their priorities:

Terry noted water quality, aquifer protection, education, help us focus on short / long term goals and future mission.

Ginny noted concerns of the tremendous land development, especially around lake with potential to destroy what is loved about the lake. Education is key.

Mark noted that the NRI needs to inform the town master plan for thoughtful future growth. Plan was supposed to be completed by end of year, but that seems unlikely.

Van wants to have the NRI broadly read to aid its implementation. How do we best get the news out?

Tim concurred that getting the NRI recommendations utilized is key. Climate change, wetland buffers, watershed and ag land protection all important.

Barbara reiterated water quality protection and land development changing the character of the town.

- Olivia noted the NRI will be a document supported by facts. Details in the appendix; summary information in the main document; "bite-size" recommendations in a visual / lyrical format. Planning future housing growth: Will have great impact on natural resources.
- 2nd and 3rd order stream non-disturbance zones: Tim noted that currently good forestry practice does not disturb forest within 25-ft of these streams. Olivia will determine land area impact of possible 50'ft zone to inform further discussions about this issue.
- Vernal Pools: There is no mapping data available. Info would need to be locally gathered.
- Local wild-life monitoring groups? None known.
- How was 2010 NRI used? Van noted that it assisted in efforts to conserve the Wendell Marsh tracts and for forest management, but broad use of the information was limited.

Ginny asked what 2010 NRI recommendations had been implemented? The list was reviewed with Van and Tim commenting.

- It will be important to show how land conservation funds have been used and how town funds have been leveraged to raise funds from other sources.
- Barbara will remain Olivia's contact with the Con Com. She will meet in person with us in September to review the draft report.

Andy Degan of Ausbon Sargent: Andy joined by ZOOM to discuss Ausbon Sargent's new draft co-occurrence map for Sunapee based on wildlife action plan, soils, wetlands, unfragmented blocks. He asked for feed-back on any areas that the concom feels are important but have not been identified. Several suggestions were made. The update is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Andy also noted that work is beginning to establish a conservation easement on Perkins family land south of Mt. View Lake in Sunapee, Newbury and Goshen.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Japanese Knotweed Update: Ginny reported that Doug Cygan, NH Department of Agriculture Invasive Species Coordinator will meet with those interested on Monday July 18 at 9 AM at town hall for demonstration eradication patches.

View Easement at 129 Ryder Corner Rd: Tim reported he has still been unable to reach the property owner to meet to agree on bounds of the easement. Ausbon Sargent's attorneys have OK'd moving forward with establishing agreeable bounds.

Town Forest at Sewer Plant site: No word from Water / Sewer Department since our June meeting regarding their review of documentation when land was purchased or site walk for slope useability. Terry will reach out to Dave Bailey, Ted Gallup and Shannon to try to set up another meeting. **Action by Terry**

Con com had further discussion of maintaining the wetland portion as part of town forest.

Peer Review Meetings: Mark reported no progress on permitting at Blue Box site by Wendell traffic islands. The Nutting Road subdivision of Jim Woodley was approved although all lots have substantial wetlands identified. Town is planning improvements to Route 103-Hamel Road intersection.

Ledge Pond Trails: Van reported MeadowsEnd expects to have second trail done before the fall. He contacted Lt. Cobb who said the canoe would be removed, but still there as of last week. Van will contact police again. **Action by Van**

Laura of MeadowsEnd to proceed with Ledge Pond kiosk map with no name on new trail. Barbara will prepare trail name suggestions that relate to the land's history for commission consideration. **Action by Barbara**

2022 Town Forest Rec Use Data Collection: Terry will have update on QR code sign at trailheads for next meeting. **Action by Terri**

June Planning Board Master Plan Update Meeting: Tim, Ginny, Mark and Barbara attended. Jeff Lizotte of LSPA was also there. He stressed regulator actions that could be taken to improve water quality protection in the Lake Sunapee watershed, including 2nd and 3rd order stream land disturbance setbacks. Jeff has mapped these streams in the lake watershed. NRI update will identify them town-wide. Tim reported that the NRI update has begun and asked for planning board assistance with cost as was discussed with them last December. No commitment was made at June meeting. Con com priorities for town master plan were noted

as water quality protection, unbroken land fragment protection, and addressing unmonitored development activity.

Treehouse on Wendell Marsh land: No update. Cliff to check on removal. **Action by Cliff**

Dewey Beach Erosion: No update. Barbara to raise issue with Scott Hazelton. **Action by Barbara**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Tim noted Ausbon Sargent is reviewing two conservation projects in town that are donations of small parcels.

Terry announced she will be moving out of town later in the year and that the October meeting will be her last on the con com.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM. Next Meeting: Aug 3 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chalmers, secretary