

Present: Tim Fleury, Mark Reynolds, Ginny Gwynn, Matt Hurd, Cliff Fields, Barbara Chalmers

Absent: Van Webb, Terry Mattson

Guest: Peter Blakeman, P.E.

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

1. MINUTES

Motion to approve May minutes with spelling correction, by Mark, 2nd by Tim. Abstaining: Cliff and Matt. Approved unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. ConCom Fund Account: \$139,159 including the 2022 warrant article \$40K check. Other account balances not available for this meeting.
2. Pending from March: Confirmation funds allocated to expense categories can be shifted to cover category overages. **Action by Mark**
3. Pending from Jan: Shift of funds to one consolidated bank account later in year.
4. Pending from Apr: Shift MeadowsEnd GPS billing to a different account. **Action by Mark**

3. MAIL

Wetlands Board:

1. Application: Goldberg 154 Garnet St, replace concrete dock pad, shore stabilization, and new pervious patio.
2. Application Granted: Chalmers Trust, 128 Garnet St, lake stone wall rebuild.
3. Application: Lassey, 16 Sunny Side Drive, Mt View Lake: 50-ft lake stone wall rebuild.

4. INVOICES - None

5. PRESENTATIONS - VISITORS

Peter Blakeman, engineer for MacDonough brothers who own the self-storage units at Wendell traffic islands presented plan and answered questions about the development of the former hydro-electric plant site (15 Rte 103) with more self-storage buildings. The project has just been submitted for wetland permit due to proximity to the Sugar River.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): NRI contract has been returned signed. Barbara reported that Olivia will not be joining us tonight due to family health issues during the past month. She will address our questions from April, provide a mid-June progress report, and will meet with us in July. Barbara reported that she has assembled a draft list for the geological and cultural resources portion of the NRI and had completed the map with municipal sewer line service for use with water quality map. Both will be attached to the minutes.

Japanese Knotweed Update: Ginny reported that visit by Doug Cygan, NH Department of Agriculture Invasive Species Coordinator, was postponed due to Covid. She hopes to get a new date for before the end of June. Both the Harbor Riverway and Sunapee Gardeners are interested in partnering in demonstration eradication patches. **Action by Ginny**

View Easement at 129 Ryder Corner Rd: Tim reported he has 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: Terry is trying to establish a meeting date of Con Com, Water / Sewer Dept, and Energy Committee for June 9, in late afternoon at Town Hall, but has not heard from Water & Sewer Dept. yet. Tim noted that unless they participate in the meeting, there is no reason to hold it. The Conservation Commission is in agreement that the sewer

plant area needs to be withdrawn from Town Forest designation. Any additional land to be removed from the Town Forest for the plant's future needs and/or for a solar array is to be discussed.

Peer Review Meetings: Mark reported on the recent meeting. A 40x90-ft portable classroom is planned at the Central School (much larger than the present one.) A bio-mass building is planned for behind the Sherburne Gym to provide heating for the school. Jim Woodley has a 6-lot subdivision in approval stage on west side of Nutting Road. Each lot has significant wetlands. One lot has the historic Hurd-Nutting farm house on it.

Ledge Pond Trails: Members requested that Van contact MeadowsEnd to confirm when the second trail running over higher terrain will be built. **Action by Van**

Cliff reported that the canoe is still chained up by Ledge Pond. This needs to be dealt with ASAP. Van to call new police chief about removal. **Action by Van**

2022 Town Forest Rec Use Data Collection: No update on QR code sign at trailheads to document trail usage. **Action by Terri**

Conservation Commission Roundtable: Cliff reported that many issues (salt, knotweed, memorials, QR codes, ATV use on old roads, etc.) were raised, but not enough time to go into them at depth. He brought to the group our concerns about organizing trail maintenance volunteers and noted that other town approaches vary widely. New London is most organized with a trail steward who assigns tasks and handles volunteer forms. Cliff will attend the next meeting in 3 months.

Planning Board Master Plan Meeting: Meeting for April was postponed to June 16.

ConCom Overview and History: **Motion** to approve the draft documents for use on-boarding future members and public education by Ginny, 2nd by Mark, vote unanimous in favor. Barbara will post on website. ConCom History document to be annually updated at the end of each year by the secretary.

Treehouse on Wendell Marsh land: Cliff will check to see if it is still there or has been removed. **Action by Cliff**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Action for Wildlife Mark provided information about on-line course for later this summer. Ginny is interested in attending.

Dewey Beach Erosion: Barbara noted that in 1997 the ConCom got involved with an effort to control erosion at Dewey Beach. Back then, a retention swale near the beach fence along the parking area was built along with a catch basin at the gate to collect road / parking area runoff. Catch-basin was piped to a rock-lined ditch at the beach south edge. Erosion of beach sand into the lake continues. Last Thursday, the town's heavy equipment re-graded the washed-out beach area which washed out again during the heavy rains of the past 24 hours. The issue is a high catch-basin grate invert. Water from the road and parking area runs around, not into the grate and runs through the beach. Barbara asked for and received support of conservation commission members to raise the issue with Scott Hazelton.

Action by Barbara

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM. Next Meeting: July 6 at 7 PM.

Attachment: Draft Geological & Cultural Resources for NRI and municipal sewer map

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Chalmers, secretary

2022 Sunapee Natural Resources Inventory Update

The following is proposed to be included in the 2022 Inventory;

Unique Geological Resources:

1. Mines, quarries:
Twin Willow Mica Mine, c1880 Mica Mine Hill
Samuel Bailey granite quarry off Rolling Rock Road c1820s-1860s
Boyce & Bailey granite quarry off Burkehaven Hill Road 1870s-1920s
2. Natural rock features:
Indian Cave on Keyser Hill
Bears Den in Simpson Reserve
Pulcifer Rock off Caldwell Lane

Cultural Resources:

1. Scenic vistas and viewpoints:
View to Corbin Park from Burkehaven Hill Road
Views to Mt. Sunapee from Trow Hill Road
River view from River Road
2. Scenic road designations:
Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway [site.google.com/view/lakesunapeescenicbyway](https://www.google.com/view/lakesunapeescenicbyway)
3. Recreation:
Hiking & snowmobile trail inventory
Harbor River Walk
Ledge Pond Forest Trails
Wendell Marsh Forest Trails
MacWilliams Conservation Land trails
Frank Simpson Reserve trails
Webb Forest trails
Dewey Woods
Garnet Hill Park Trails 1946
Tilton Park trails
Webb-Dane Lot trail
Discontinued roads (see below)
Parks:
Sunapee Harbor Park & Town Wharf,
Veterans' Park
Coffin Park
Tilton Park aka Ski Tow Hill 1938 to present
Hames Park
Osborne Reflecting Pool 1966
Dewey Beach 1936
Georges Mills Beach & Town Wharf
Dewey Woods Town Forest 1928
Lake, River, Ponds Public Access / Fishing Spots:
Lake Sunapee:
Harbor town wharf and boat launch, Main St
Georges Mill town wharf and boat launch, Cooper St
Dewey Beach

Perkins Pond:

Perkins Pond boat launch, Perkins Pond Road

Ledge Pond:

Ledge Pond Town forest trail

Otter Pond:

Otter Pond east shore, Otterville Rd (Gordon conservation land)

Sugar River:

River Road, Coffin Park, Wendell Marsh

4. Historic Resources:

Graveyards:

Colby 1801

Cooper c 1808

Lower Village c1820

Old Eastman 1801

George's Mills Village 1865

South Sunapee, c1820.

Granite tomb 1846

Stone Walls

Range & Lot line stone walls (see stone wall mapper)

Farm stone walls

Granite road bank walls: High Street, central

Granite river bank walls: Hames Works at High Street, bottom of Main St

Granite lake bank walls: Sunapee Harbor

Stone Dams:

Sugar River:

c1836 granite block dam

c1850 grist mill & pulp mill dam

c1860 Excelsior mill dam

c1850s Smithville dam

c1840s George sawmill canal

c1890s Trow mill dam

Wendell Marsh dam

Otter Brook: Otter Pond dam c 1790s

Ledge Pond: Caleb Mudgett sawmill dam c 1810, Perkins Pond Rd

Angell Brook: Smith Angell sawmill dam c1820s, Bradford Rd

Ancient Roads & stone bridges:

Province to Newport mill road and bridge, Webb Forest

Dodge Pasture Road

Upper end of North Road

Sections of the Georges Mills Road

Sugar River Railroad

Railroad bed trails in Wendell & South Sunapee

1871 Granite block trestle, off Paradise Road

1872 Wendell Depot, Depot Road

Ancient stone cellar holes and barn foundations

Dodge Pasture Road

Webb Forest

Wendell Marsh forest

Young Hill Road

Historic Buildings

Farm houses & barns:

Esek Young - John Angell Farm, c1780s Wendell

Clapp Farm, c1785 59 Cross Road

Perkins farm c 1800 140 Perkins Pond Rd

James Young - Sam Bailey Farm c 1805 Edgemont Rd

Stone House farm c1800 – Edgemont Rd
Robinson Farm, c1798 burkehaven Hill Rd
Cornelius Young Farm, c 1800sStagecoach Road
Wm Gage house c1790 Stagecoach Rd
Dickinson Farm, 1808 66 Hells corners
Ichabod Heasee Farm c1795 Georges Mills Rte 11
Currier Farm, c1809 26 Caldwell Lane
Woodward farm, c 1780 bradford Road
Joseph Chase farm 1802 47 Harding Hill Rd
Merrill farm c 1790s Rte 11
Hadley Muzzey farm c 1800 Georges Mills Main st
Worster House c 1800 Alpine Ct
Benjamin George Farm c1790s Bradford Road
Samuel Georg Farm, 1798 223North Road
Whittier Perkins Farm, 1789 175 North Road
Francis Smith Farm, c1801, 511 North Road
Abijah Emerson Farm, c 1794 526 North Road
Moses Muzzey house c1800 Rte 11
Lang farm c1791 4 Messer Rd
Sam Sischo farm c1806 218 Nutting Rd
Blaisdell farm c1800 34 Stagecoach Rd
Abiathar Young farm c1792 183 Young Hill Road
Trask Farm c1805 9 Youngs Hill Rd
Joshua Bartlett farm c1808 749 North Road
Patch Farm c1800 962 Rte 11

Commercial / Stores / Boarding houses / Liveries

Dane House General Store, 1815 21High St
Russell's Store, c 1826 4 Prospect Hill Rd Georges Mills
Josiah Turner store 1851
Tin Shop 1857
Gardner's Tavern 1850 100 Lower Main St
Flanders Livery, 1890 (SHS Museum) Main St
Harbor Hotel Livery, 1890,)The Livery on Main St)
Conrad Manor, 1880 27 Prospect Hill Road

Schools

District No. 1 1893 Bradford Rd
No. 2 1877 Schoolhouse Lane
No. 3 1877 North Road
No. 5 1860 85 Prospect Hill Road,
No. 7, Rte 11
No. 9 1867 Lower Main St.

Lighthouses:

Loon Island 1892
Lakeside c1908
Burkehaven c 1908

