

Present: Van Webb (by Zoom), Tim Fleury, Mark Reynolds, Terry Mattson, Mat Hurd, Ginny Gwynn, Barbara Chalmers

Absent: Cliff Fields

Guests: Oak Hill Environmental, Chris Kessler of Gradient Landscape, Audra Klumb of ADKE. Olivia Uyizeye of UVLSRPC by Zoom.

Tim chaired the meeting at Town Hall, called to order at 7:00.

1. MINUTES

Motion by Ginny to approve August minutes, 2nd by Mat. Approved unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Mark reported no report this month; information was not forthcoming from finance office.
- b. Pending from Jan: Shift of funds to one consolidated bank account later in year.
- c. Pending from Apr: Shift MeadowsEnd GPS billing from professional services account to general fund. Mark will meet in person with the finance officer to get this straightened out and make sure the MeadowsEnd bills are paid. **Action by Mark**

3. MAIL

Wetlands Board: DES issued permit for Richard Veilleux, 24 Sunnyside Drive.

DES letter to Scott Flint documents wetlands disturbance violations from culvert installations on land off Sleeper Road. DES requires wetlands mapping submission before further action is taken.

4. INVOICES

MeadowsEnd, \$2,200 for completion of new Ledge Pond Forest hiking trails. Mark reported he walked the new trail and it is great. The upper trail uses red markers, lower trail uses orange markers. A log bench is located at the end of the bog trail.

Motion by Van to pay invoice from town forest fund as approved by voters at town meeting, 2nd by Terry. Vote approved unanimously.

5. VISITORS:

- Dan Geiger, Oak Hill Environmental, provided overview of proposed project at 30 Tilson Point Rd: Removal of 2 out-buildings and old cottage within 50-ft lake setback; Construction of new home beyond 50-ft lake set back. Application is for 220 sf of forest wetland disturbance, but more wetland area will be created with removal of the out-buildings. A separate shoreline permit re house construction is being sought by another consultant.
Motion for Tim to sign the application for ConCom by Mark, 2nd by Barbara. Vote unanimous in favor.
- Gradient Landscape presented an in-kind dock replacement at 196 Garnet Hill Road with minimal impact where 4 in-lake posts are replaced that presently bear on lake bottom.
Motion for Tim to sign the application for ConCom by Mat, 2nd by Mark. Vote unanimous in favor.
- Audra Klumb of ADKE presented plan for wetland disturbance by a culvert needed for new driveway to a new dwelling at Nutting Road. Access to home site requires crossing of an intermittent brook, 240-sf disturbance by culvert. **Motion** for Tim to sign the application for ConCom by Terry, 2nd by Mat. Vote unanimous in favor.
- Olivia Uyizeye of UVLSRPC re NRI update – see below.

6. OLD BUSINESS

NRI Update: Olivia joined the meeting by Zoom to discuss NRI update draft. Ginny, Mark and Barbara noted that the document made for very interesting reading.

- Ginny asked if flood plains, stream buffer zones, and waterbody buffers would be shown in map form? Olivia responded yes. Impact area acreage is summarized in a table.

- Barbara noted that she sent her comments to Olivia in a marked-up draft. Barbara asked Olivia when she wanted local photos to illustrate the report? Olivia responded she can take them now and that photos should be accompanied by a line of text to locate/describe. Olivia can set up an on-line drop box for them. **Action by Olivia**
- Terry asked if the report will discuss vernal pools. Olivia responded yes. Con Com to advise on known vernal pool locations and send photos.
- Farms: Discussion of active farms, 2 are known, Johnson's Sanctuary Farm and Webb's Harding Hill Farm. Tim noted the Dept of Ag definition of a farm and that their website has a list of registered farms. This list to be checked.
- Map of land development change since 2008 / changes in Current Use Land: Olivia has not gotten Current Use land update info from town assessor as promised last June. Barbara will follow up on this. **Action by Barbara**
- Ginny asked about report inclusion of invasive plants. Olivia said there will be discussion of them in the wildlife and plant section of the NRI.
- Van wants a map to show public water resources (surface and wells) and their protective areas, to include the well heads at Wendell Marsh reserved for future town municipal use. Olivia responded that this can be part of the water aquifer map.
- Olivia asked if we want our own co-occurrence map or use the map being developed by Ausbon-Sargent, so as not to have duplicative work. Van responded that the draft Ausbon-Sargent map shared with the ConCom in July seemed vague and hard to read. Ginny asked what criteria A-S uses on their map?
- Mark asked if report will include Sunapee stats comparisons to adjacent towns, current use land for example? Olivia responded, yes this can be included.
- Terry asked about schedule to complete the NRI. Olivia noted she was on track to finish in November or December 2022.

View Easement at 129 Ryder Corner Rd: Land owner Josh Ginsburg did not attend tonight's meeting to discuss the easement. Tim noted that land surveyor Clayton Platt will be sending a \$1,150 bill for survey and setting pins at agreed easement zone.

Archers/Barrett Lot Wetland Survey: Tim contacted Clayton Platt for proposal, but Clayton was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Pending.

Peer Review Meetings: Mark did not attend August meeting due to Covid positive test.

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Ledge Pond Town Forest & Hiking Trails:

- Mark and Mat will lead a walk in the woods at the new Ledge Pond trails Sunday October 2 at 1PM. Barbara will send posting notice re hike to Project Sunapee. Mark will get the word out. **Action by Mark**
- Canoe is still chained near the pond, Van will contact Chief Cobb again. **Action by Van**
- Trail Names: Barbara reported on historic land ownership of the town forest and noted that the old house and barn dating to 1824 at the end of Meadow Brook Road was the Putney-Kidder-Bean homestead. Barbara recommended the name Meadow Brook Farm Trail for the new loop trail off Ledge Pond Trail. Other trail name proposals: Bog Trail for the dead-end spur to the wetland and Daniel Bean Trail for the new loop to height of ground. (Daniel Bean was the homestead farmer who owned this land the longest from 1853 to 1908). Motion by Terry to approve these 3 trail names, 2nd by Mat. Vote unanimous in favor.
- Trail Map Update: MeadowsEnd sent a trail map for review. Barbara will respond to them with a marked-up map including new trail names and notation to graphically add the Bog Trail and the missing section of trail that creates 2 loops (as shown on the proposed trail map from last winter.) **Action by Barbara**
- Ledge Pond trail map at ConCom web-page will be updated. **Action by Barbara**

2022 Town Forest Rec Use Data Collection: Terry presented the QR code she has set up for the trails. Taking a photo of the code with a cell phone will automatically direct the cell phone to the list of trail maps at the Con Com web-page at Town of Sunapee website. Clicks on this can be counted to establish a record of users. Terry recommended contacting town to have their webmaster set up auto counting. ConCom members thanked Terry for setting this up. Barbara will create trail head signs with the QR code for trail kiosks. **Action by Barbara**

Planning Board Update: Tim to contact planning board re NRI cost sharing. Pending

Treehouse on Wendell Marsh land: Cliff to check with Craig Heino to confirm its removal. No update. **Action by Cliff**

Dewey Beach Erosion: Barbara to raise issue with Scott Hazelton. Pending **Action by Barbara**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Terry anticipates continuing to be a member of the ConCom through November and possibly December so she can participate in the NRI update.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting: October 5 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Chalmers, secretary