

Harrisville Conservation Committee
Minutes for the 5 March 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Present: Laurie Appel, Jean Rosenthal, Winston Sims, Harry Wolhandler, Les LaMois, and guest, William Kirkpatrick

Not present: Bob Sturgis, Barbara Watkins (see item 3, below), Keith Pancake

1. Proposed Agenda was approved and accepted.
2. Minutes for 11 February 2014. Adoption of the minutes was postponed pending alterations.
3. Jean reported that she had requested the blue bags for the roadside cleanup and an article on roadside clean up would be prepared for Common Threads. It was noted that some bags were already available at the Town Hall
4. New Committee members. Prior to the meeting, Bob Sturgis had announced he will retire from the Committee (the Planning Board and the Zoning Board). An appreciation was sent. Barbara Watkins also announced her retirement. With Barbara and Bob stepping down, Committee members will give further thought to how to express a service appreciation. And, begin a search for new members -- thus far, William Kirkpatrick and Keith Pancake are considering whether to join.
5. John Cucchi, Map 30, Loy 32. The Committee reviewed and discussed what Mr. Cucchi has done on his land, Selectmen's action on Cucchi's failure to obtain permits for work on his property, and Winston's letter on behalf of the HCC to the Planning Board, finding that Mr. Cucchi would have to take his proposals to the ZBA.
6. Priority strategic steps for implementation of NRI recommendations. The Committee discussed how to focus NRI action recommendations to be as effective as possible. It was agreed to focus on invasive species in lakes and along roadsides, and on storm water run-off management. Harry, Laurie, and Les will meet to develop an invasive species education initiative. The Committee felt activities should enable information, education, motivation and engagement. It is the latter that would be central to achieving anything to do with the two priority concerns. It was also mentioned that a good vehicle for conveying information would be inserts in the Common Threads.
7. Invasives, follow-up to Dublin and Peterborough Conservation Committees, and NH Lakes Assn initiatives. Laura suggested a Harrisville Lakes Association be established to represent HV's 10 lakes, along with a public education program about the Do's and Don'ts and Measures that can be taken to protect the lakes.
8. Wetlands Delineation or Aquifer Ordinance. The Committee reviewed Rick van de Poll's Wetlands Inventory and Mapping Proposal, and agreed to ask Charles Michal (Selectman) to overlay tax maps on NRI identified wetlands to identify property owners. Committee members agreed to seek a second proposal from Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological. Committee members will further review the proposed Aquifer Ordinance, agreeing that this topic is also appropriate for public outreach and education.

9. Wells Memorial School follow-up to the Wells NRI Report. None was discussed.
10. Booklet for care of Harrisville Lakes. Winston has begun work on this, to be modeled on "Help Protect NH Lakes" and/or "50 Ways to Care for Squam Lakes". It was noted that Bob Sturgis has a copy of both booklets, and that the Committee should seek to make the booklet available to all lake-front property owners.
11. Reduced salt on Dublin Road. The Committee agreed to present a proposal to the Selectmen about designating portions of Dublin Road running near the Lakes as salt-free or reduced-salt zones, and then present a request to the DOT about this, and in line with the recommendation of the ENSR for reduced salt in the glacial overburden aquifer.
12. Education, information, motivation progress report, Harry Wolhandler (This was addressed in item 5, above.)
13. Conservation, progress report, Jean Rosenthal reported that all of Paul Geddes' land is now listed as The Seaver Silver Lake Farm Trust, and that John Newcomb is a trustee, and Paul Geddes is beneficiary.
14. Master Plan, Progress Report, Winston reported that there have been no meetings, and that meetings may resume in April.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.