

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

March 12, 2024

Call to Order: Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Steve Hinds, Carol Boothby, Susan Baker, Elizabeth Savincki, and David Mann.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report: \$350.00. The new appropriation was approved at Shapleigh's Town Meeting on March 9, 2024.

Town Forest, Nature Trail, Shapleigh Town Beach: Chuck reported that Joe Stanley has completed the GPS work for the map of the Town Forest Nature Trail and he is finishing the map.

Susan reported that the Nature Trail in the Town Forest needs some work after the winter storms.

Planning Board: Chuck showed Susan the map of a 5-lot cluster development planned for Stone Post Road which was discussed at last month's meeting.

Williams Property: Susan reported that Williams Town Park is in good condition.

Three Rivers Land Trust:

Old Business: Chuck reported that bill LD 2091, Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages and Nonfood Items was approved by the legislature. Madge was very pleased.

New Business: Chuck said that the committee will have the space that in the past was used for the Wildlife Encounters for building Fairy houses during community day. Committee members should start collecting items that can be used for fairy house construction.

David reported that Elsa Cook is interested in 4-H Club members participating in a climate change contest. It is envisioned that club member would interview their parents, grandparent, etc. about differences in the weather past and present illustrated with pictures. Topics could include items such as dates for the first frost in the fall and how many times have people had a white Christmas. The club's next meeting is Monday, March 25 and Susan and Steve will attend and give a presentation on the contest. Susan will circulate material to the committee beforehand.

Steve asked if residents were recycling their Christmas trees. Currently people take their trees to the transfer station so they can be burned.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm
The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann, Secretary