

SHAPLEIGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 14, 2019

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Madge Baker, Carol Boothby and David Mann
Meeting called to order at 7:24 by Committee Chair Chuck Desmond.

Wildlife sightings:

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was accepted as written.

Correspondence: None

Newspaper/Publication items of interest:

Treasurer's report: Committee spent \$30.00 on book titled, "Maine Invasive Plants, Field Guide".

Trail: Chuck, Carol and David toured the Goose Pond Overlook and cleared the two approaches to the wooden footbridge on September 25th.

Town Forest: A large work party completed the finishing touches to the Town Forest Trail from the Boston Cemetery to the Great Hollow Road (a lot of the trail work of this portion of the path had been done by the ASYCC earlier in the summer). Once that was done, the crew worked on the trail from Great Hollow Road to Route 11. The trail was opened to within 300 yards of Route 11 and reblazed with red paint.

Planning Board: Madge Baker reported that the Planning Board most recently was working on problems with retaining walls at Silver Lake. Home owners need prior approval of the CEO, Mike Demers, when moving more than 10 cubic yards of soil.

Appeals Board: Nothing to report

Three Rivers Land Trust: Madge Baker reported that Richard Billings offered to give the land trust a 5-acre parcel of land off the Owls Nest Road. The parcel can only be accessed via a 20-foot right-of-way extending over 700 feet along a stone wall from Owls Nest Road. Chuck will speak to Joe Stanley in case the Town Forest Committee would like to take on the property. The problem is that the land is not contiguous with any current holdings. Madge is also contacting The Nature Conservancy as they own some land nearby but not adjacent to this particular parcel.

The land trust also voted to accept a conservation easement for Upland Farm on the Hooper Road.

Williams Property: Chuck reported that the fields have been mowed at the Williams property.

New Business: A work day to complete opening Town Forest trail is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th at 10:00 am. We'll meet at the trailhead on Route 11. The committee will monitor the Gruber Forest, another parcel owned by the land trust on Wednesday October 16th at 10:00 am. We'll meet at the One Earth Health Food store in Emery Mills.

Meeting adjourned around 8:17 pm.

Respectively submitted by David Mann