

## SHAPLEIGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 11, 2019

**Attending:** Chuck Desmond, Susan Marcoux, Madge Baker, and David Mann

Meeting called to order at 7:10

**Wildlife sightings:** Susan reported seeing a fisher cat on her property on the County Road.

Madge has volunteered to record bird nesting and breeding activity in the quadrant which includes Shapleigh. She asked committee members to help by letting her know the date, time and location of bird family activity.

Madge also discussed one of the goals of Three Rivers Land Trust which is to identify wetlands that are for sale. Each county has a pool of money earmarked for the purchase of wetlands and one of the objectives of the land trust is to facilitate the purchase of wetlands and protect the property with a conservation easement.

**Correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's report:** There's no money in our account. Mike Roux is the committee's treasurer and Chuck is going to contact Mike to see if he's still interested in being on the committee. Chuck reported that she has asked the Budget Committee to appropriate \$300.00 for the Conservation Committee to use in the upcoming year.   
\$ 250.00

**Trail:** Chuck reported that Dan Belanger finished his Eagle Scout project blazing a trail in the portion of the Town Forest which was heavily cut last fall.

Chuck will speak to Doug Ridley about enlisting the aid of the Shapleigh-Acton Youth Conservation Core to work on blazing a trail in the Town Forest when one enters the forest from Route 11 heading towards Square Pond.

**Town Forest:** Chuck reported that Susan Butler's boyfriend, Darren Talbot, removed three large trees that had fallen on the foundation of the old Town Farm.

**Planning Board:** Madge reported that the planning board approved an ordinance which will limit the lot coverage by structures to no more than 20% of the area of a lot.

**Appeals Board:** No case has come before the appeals board in over 4 years.

**Three Rivers Land Trust:** The closing on the Charles Gruber Homestead originally scheduled for February 14, 2019 has been postponed because part of the property is deemed to be within a flood plain. Buyers want to remove the "flood plain" designation so they can avoid the expense of obtaining flood insurance required by the bank holding the mortgage. Land Trust is working with FEMA to change the flood plain designation.

**Williams Property:** Chuck reported that Mr. Williams passed away.

**New Business:** The committee is planning a site visit to the Town Forest and will access the trail from the Boston Cemetery east to the Great Hollow Road.

Some committee members are planning to attending the Winter Tree and Invasive Forest Pest Identification and Survey to be conducted by the York County Soil Conservation District on Friday, February 15, 2019. Attendees will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

David Mann will be the secretary for the Conservation Committee and Susan Marcoux will serve as the committee's treasurer after Chuck speaks to Mike Roux about his continued interest in the committee.

Meeting adjourned around 8:00pm.