

SHAPLEIGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 10, 2019

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Susie Marcoux, Susan Butler, Madge Baker and David Mann
Meeting called to order at 7:12 by Committee Chair Chuck Desmond.

Wildlife sightings: Canadian geese and goslings, lonesome male blue bird, coyotes and 3 fawns.

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

Correspondence: Ruth Gutman sent an announcement about a presentation by Lee Burnet from Sanford Trails on regional trail connections preceding the June Board Meeting of Three Rivers Land Trust.

Newspaper/Publication items of interest

Treasurer's report: Nothing to report

Trail: Chuck will contact Doug Ridley concerning ASYCC working on the Trail in the Town Forest.

Town Forest: Susan Butler made award certificates for Lizzie and Tommy Anderson to acknowledge their work picking up debris along Town Farm Road. Chuck will investigate where and when to present the awards.

Planning Board: Madge Baker reported on three issues concerning wetlands in Shapleigh. 1. The Planning Board is reviewing a proposed three-lot subdivision on the Norton Ridge Road. The Davis Brook flows through one of the lots. 2. Three Rivers Land Trust is considering buying a lot (Temkin Property) with frontage on the Mousam River and shares a beaver dam with the adjacent "Charlie Gruber property" already owned by Three Rivers Land Trust. 3. Three Rivers Land Trust is considering buying a lot on the Coley Trafton Road with High-Value Wetlands. The Pump Box Brook flows through it and it has shore birds and a great blue herring rookery. The money for the purchase of high-value wetlands comes from the Maine In Lieu Compensation Program (ILF). The ILF allows entities (developers) impacting primarily wetlands to make a payment directly to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection rather than paying for traditional mitigation process. The moneys collected are used to fund restoration, enhancement, preservation and creation of similar resources to maintain ecological benefits within the state.

Appeals Board: Nothing to report

Three Rivers Land Trust:

Williams Property: Suzie and George will look for down-trees blocking the trails and time permitting, will remove them.

New Business: Community Day: Chuck has a wedding on Community Day, July 27th, so will only be able to help with the set up on the actual day. Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Town Hall to inventory brochures, etc. that we can use at our booth on Community Day. Madge is

hoping we have new maps depicting Shapleigh wetlands for Community Day. Susan will contact Joe Stanley about existing maps of the trail system in the Town Forest.

Meeting adjourned around 8:06 pm.
Respectively submitted by David Mann