

SHAPLEIGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 17, 2020

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Susie Marcoux, Carol Boothby and David Mann

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Committee Chair Chuck Desmond.

Wildlife sightings: Turkeys with chicks and deer.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report for July 13, 2020 were approved as written.

Correspondence: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry warned Maine residents to be on the watch for Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Long Horn Beetle, Oak Wilt Disease and Spotted Lantern Fly.

Newspaper/Publication items of interest:

Treasurer's report: Committee's coffers contain \$115.00.

Trail: Chuck hasn't heard if the ASYCC will be doing any trail maintenance in the Town Forest this year. Trail is being used more this year as evidenced by rate at which maps need to be replaced at both trailheads. Secretary will correct typos in the Guide to Shapleigh Town Forest Nature Trail.

Darren Talbot removed the Oak blocking the Square Pond Road trailhead. David Mann will walk the trail to see if Tropical Storm Isaias caused any problems that need to be addressed.

Town Forest: Chuck will organize a walk in September to monitor the Town Forest to comply with the conservation easement.

Planning Board: The Planning Board raised two issues with the Laviolettes plan to have weddings in Charlie Grubers old barn; owners may need a traffic cop before and after events and secondly, the Planning Board felt the barn needs to be evaluated structurally to determine if it can handle the weight of 200 people.

Appeals Board: Nothing to report

Three Rivers Land Trust: Three Rivers Land Trust with the help of MNRCP purchased 78-acre parcel of land on the Coley Trafton Road containing wetlands that feed into Pumpbox Brook.

Williams Property: The streams and brooks are dry because of the draught.

New Business: Committee will plan a walk in September to clean up the Nature Trail in the Town Forest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.
Respectively submitted by David Mann