

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

February 20, 2024

Call to Order: Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Steve Hinds, Carol Boothby, Madge Baker, and David Mann.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 12, 2023 and January 9, 2024 meetings were approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report: \$90.23.

Town Forest, Nature Trail, Shapleigh Town Beach: Chuck reported that the Town Forest Committee is considering making the Town Beach more handicap assessable by building a ramp at the Beach because as it is, the most direct path to the beach involves stairs.

Planning Board: Madge gave Chuck a map of a 5-lot cluster development planned near Town Farm Road.

Williams Property: Steve reported that Williams Town Park is looking good.

Three Rivers Land Trust: The land trust is pleased with Jim Chadbourne's donation of 100 acres of forested land on Apple Road.

Old Business: No word on the map for the Nature Trail in the town Forest.

New Business: Madge encouraged committee members to support a bill before the Maine legislature, LD 2091, Businesses' and Consumers' Use of Returnable, Reusable and Refillable Containers for Food, Beverages, and Nonfood Items. The bill is supported by the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

David listed 10 trails that might be included in a brochure for Community Day promoting hiking in Shapleigh.

David will speak to Elsa Cook to see if there is any interest in the 4-H Club doing a project on climate change. Club member would interview their parents and/or grandparents about what winters were like in the past and use pictures to illustrate the differences between the present.

Steve asked committee members what projects we might take up if the committee had more money.

Chuck reported that we could have the same spot for Community Day. Committee will identify an area where kids can build fairy houses.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann, Secretary