

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

April 12, 2021

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Susan Butler, Carol Boothby, Susie Marcoux, Madge Baker and David Mann.
No masks.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm by Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report for March 8, 2021 was approved as written.

Wildlife sightings: Hummingbirds, bald eagle, sap suckers, peepers, turkey vulture, turkeys, painted turtles, and bear damage.

Correspondence:

Newspaper/Publication items of interest: David gave each member a copy of a poem titled, "Letter to 2050" by Alison Hawthorne Deming. The poem describes the return of the alewives after removal of a dam on the Squamscott River.

Treasurer's report: \$300.00

Trail: Chuck organized a trail cleanup for the Town Forest Trail on Thursday, April 22, Earth Day, 2 to 5 pm. Darren Talbert will remove a tree that has fallen across the trail.

Town Forest: The Forestry Committee is meeting for the first time in over a year. Chuck contacted Mark Phelps, ASYCC coordinator, about having the ASYCC help with cleaning up of the Town Beach and spreading mulch at Goose Pond Overlook. Madge and David were at the Overlook on Saturday and blocked a new ATV bypass created because over the winter, a tree had fallen across the original trail blocking its use. That tree was removed and we are in hopes that people on ATVs will use the original trail which is surfaced with riprap.

Planning Board: Nothing to report

Appeals Board: Nothing to report

Three Rivers Land Trust: The land trust has scheduled two workdays this week, Wednesday and Friday mornings, planting life stakes at Hansen Pond to revegetate two stream banks where culverts were removed from an old roadbed.

Williams Property: Susie Marcoux was at the Williams Property on Easter and reported several dead, belly up frogs on the pond.

New Business: As a follow-up to Madge Baker's March presentation about increasing awareness of Climate Change, Susan Butler distributed a three-page proposal for an essay or multimedia presentation contest on climate change. Contestants are expected to describe the effects of climate change on our local community and to include "an executable local project to address climate change". Susan's proposal included guidelines for contestant's entries and a rubric for grading student's submissions.

Winners will receive monetary prizes (\$200, 150 and 100) as well as a copy of Inconspicuous Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don't Know You Have by Tatiana Schlossberg.

Susan will contact James Hand, Principal of Massabesic High School as well as area homeschoolers about the contest. Submissions will be due in May of 2021 and if that is too soon, we will aim for some time during the 2021-2022 school year.

The next meeting will be May 10, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann