

## **Shapleigh Conservation Commission**

**February 13, 2023**

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

**Attending:** Chuck Desmond, Susie Marcoux, Susan Baker, Carol Boothby, Elizabeth Savincki, and David Mann (Elizabeth and David attended via a combination of phone and Google Meets).

**Wildlife Sightings:** Turkeys, deer, and a fox.

**Secretary's Report:** Paper copies of the minutes from November 14, and December 12, 2022, meetings were distributed, and the December 12<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written.

**Correspondence:** Chuck received a \$5.00 donation from one of the winners of a duck box at community day, 2022.

Jerry and Donna Gallant sent a report to the committee outlining their ongoing efforts with respect to the care and maintenance of 12 wood duck boxes: 9 on the County Road, 2 at Williams Park and one on the Norton Road. Wood ducks used several of the boxes, raising 7 to 8 hatchlings each. Six of the boxes on County Road are at the beaver pond (no beavers have been seen for 2 years but there are otters present.)

### **Newspaper/Publication Items of Interest:**

**Treasurer's Report:** \$300.00

The committee voted to purchase popup tent (for community day), Klondike bars, posterboard, and trash bags (the latter three for Roadside cleanup on Earth Day).

**Trail:** Susan and Chuck reported that the recent storms have resulted in a lot of debris on the Town Forest trail.

**Planning Board:** No report

**Appeals Board:** No activity

**Three Rivers Land Trust:** Shapleigh Pond has invasive milfoil. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection will provide grant money to help bring the infestation under control if a nonprofit will apply for and coordinate the cleanup process. Mitigation entails using bottom tarps to smother the plants. Tarps must be taken up and moved every year. The grant stipulates that 20% of the funds come from local sources. The Land Trust has agreed to apply for and administer the grant if the local funds can be raised.

**Williams Property:** No report

**Old Business:** Chuck reported that Joe Stanley is working on the map of the Nature Trail in the Town Forest. David will work on entries for the back of the map providing a brief history of the town beach,

Town Farm Homestead (house and barn cellar holes), stone bridge, Boston cemetery, and a couple of cemeteries with interred veterans along the Great Hollow Road.

**New Business:** The committee discussed plans for our second roadside cleanup scheduled for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023. We will get the word out with a notice in Shapleigh's Facebook page and an article in the Reporter.

The committee will meet on Tuesday nights in the future. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann, Secretary