

## **Shapleigh Conservation Commission**

**June 13, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**Attending:** Chuck Desmond, Susan Baker, Carol Boothby, and David Mann.

**Wildlife Sightings:** Mother and baby ducks, racoon, baby fawn and turtles laying eggs.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 16, 2022 meeting was approved as written.

**Correspondence:** None

**Newspaper/Publication Items of Interest:** Chuck gave committee members a brochure prepared by the York County Soil and Water Conservation District concerning protecting the Mousam Lake watershed. We will have copies to pass out at Community Day.

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

**Town Forest Trail:**

**Planning Board:** No report

**Appeals Board:** No report

**Three Rivers Land Trust:** Chuck was one of a crew of three who cleared a new trail at the Gruber Forest on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

The first in-person meeting of the year for Three Rivers Land Trust will be at Gowen Park in Sanford on Wednesday.

**Williams Property:**

**Old Business:** Chuck found the plastic tote with the committee's handouts for community day but the whereabouts of our quick shade is still unknown but hopefully in the Town's storage locker across from the fire station.

**New Business:** Chuck attended a selectman meeting and reported that there is erosion control mulch for the trail at Goose Pond Overlook, but we have no way to spread it as the ASYCC has no young people this year. John Burnell will reposition three boulders on the Goose Pond Overlook trail, so the boulders will block an erosion-prone portion of an unauthorized ATV trail.

Chuck has scheduled a Project WILD training for all day on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We need at least ten participants. Chuck will contact the following: Conservation committees in neighboring towns, 4-H leader, boy scout leaders, teachers, Dave Burns (ASYCC) as well as promoting the training at Shapleigh Community Day.

Shapleigh Community Day. We will have a scavenger hunt for the little kids as we did two years ago. Susan Baker and Darren Talbot came up with a great idea for the older kids (placing trash around the Commons for kids to find and then report back to the CC table about what they learned about that trash) EarthDay.org website has information we can use about trash when designing this activity. Another possible activity is to have kids make a boat, etc. from plastic containers. We may coordinate something with EcoMaine if they plan on having a booth at community day. Chuck will see if EcoMaine will be attending this year.

Susan will ask Joe Stanley to make a map of the trail through the Town Forest. This would be used to promote hiking on Community Day and a smaller version for the map repositories at the trailheads. Susan will also ask Joe if the Conservation Commission can be of any help to the Forestry Committee which now only has one member, Joe.

Sound at the shooting range was discussed. Susan feels that the abandoned sand pit maybe an illegal shooting range and wants to obtain a legal opinion. She will contact Madge Baker to start.

The next meeting will be July 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann