

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

June 21, 2021

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Susie Marcoux, and David Mann.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report for May 17, 2021, was approved as written.

Wildlife sightings: Deer, skunks, egg-laying snapping turtles and lots and lots of chipmunks.

Correspondence: None

Newspaper/Publication items of interest: A new disease, Beech Leaf Disease, leading to the decline and mortality of beech trees is now in Maine. Symptoms include dark bands between the veins of leaves causing the leaves to become curled, deformed and shriveled. Any signs of diseased trees should be reported to the Maine Forest Service.

Treasurer's report: \$300.00

Trail: Nothing new

Town Forest: Chuck asked John Burnell to deliver 25 yards of mulch to the town beach. Joe Stanley (Town Forest Committee) had crushed stone delivered to the Town Beach. Mark Phelps will have the ASYCC spread the material around. Jack Stevens did the initial cleanup of the beach and will dump the trash weekly during the summer. Forestry Committee is getting new signage for the beach.

Joe Stanley did authorize the construction of a picnic table to be installed near the Boston Cemetery.

Planning Board: Nothing to report

Appeals Board: Nothing to report

Three Rivers Land Trust: The land trust held their first in person meeting in in over a year in June. The trust received another grant for the Sanford Community Forest and will again sponsor a breakfast for the Springvale Farm Walk.

Williams Property: The Williams Property looks great.

Old Business: Efforts to promote the committee's essay contest on combating climate change in Maine will be renewed in /September when school reconvenes. One of the science teachers at Massabesic said she hadn't heard about the essay contest.

New Business: The next meeting will be September 13, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann