

## **Shapleigh Conservation Commission**

**November 14, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes for September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved as written.

**Correspondence:** Chuck received an email from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry announcing the awarding of a \$5 million Federal grant to bolster PFAS Response Efforts in Maine.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$119.69

**Town Forest, Nature Trail, Shapleigh Town Beach:** Trail cleanup crew will meet at Chuck's place at 1:30 pm on Sunday afternoon, November 26, 2023.

### **Planning Board:**

**Three Rivers Land Trust:** The Forest Feast went well. The Land Trust has just received a gift of over 100 acres of land on Apple Road in Shapleigh. Jim and Christy Chadbourne are gifting the land that has been in the Dunnells family and for three generations. The forest land which includes 60 feet of frontage on Square Pond has been well cared for.

**Williams Property:** David and Carol reported that the trail at Williams Park looks good.

**Old Business:** Chuck met with Michelle at the town hall along with Madge, Steve and Ann Hinds on November 8, 2023. Steve and Ann Hinds live on Totte Road which is near the west entrance to the Goose Pond Preserve. They will post **NO ATV** signs at their end of the preserve's access route. Ann Ward and her husband are contesting whether the town has access to the Preserve via Hodgdon Road. Madge placed **NO ATV** signs at the Hodgdon Road entrance to the preserve.

### **New Business:**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann, Secretary