

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

October 10, 2022

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

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Susie Marcoux, Elizabeth Savincki, Carol Boothby, Susan Baker and David Mann.

Wildlife Sightings: Three bobcats and a skunk with a mostly white topcoat.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September 12, 2022, meeting was approved as written with one change, rather than Susie seeing mountain lions, the neighbors reported seeing mountain lions on video. Laura Craver-Rogers from the Department of Inland Game and Fish did not think the sighting was credible

Correspondence:

Newspaper/Publication Items of Interest: Susan sent the committee a link to an article in USA Today warning people not to consume wild game possibly contaminated with PFAS chemicals.

Treasurer's Report: \$300.00

Trail: End of the year trail cleanup scheduled for Friday October 14 at 10:00 am. Everyone will meet at Chuck's place. Wear orange.

Planning Board: No report

Appeals Board: No report

Three Rivers Land Trust: Land trust is having their annual Forest Feast for land trust volunteers on October 10th at Hobbs Farm in Acton.

Williams Property: Elizabeth reported that the fields have been mowed and the place is looking great.

Old Business:

Committee discussed possibly of meeting via Google Meets in the winter (Google Meets is free). In the future, the committee will meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Committee will discuss mission statement at our next meeting. Susan Baker sent everyone two mission statements from area conservation commissions to give us ideas. Some of our projects include Earth Day Cleanup, climate change awareness, education at Shapleigh Community Day, and the promotion of recycling. Goals include protection and promotion of Shapleigh's rural character, natural environment of the town's lakes, mountains, rivers and hiking trails.

Susan wrote to Randy Bicknel who owns the property opposite the transfer station on Route 11. No response. Is lead abatement an issue? Targets include old TVs, etc. Should the Maine DEP be involved?

The next meeting will be November 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann