

Shapleigh Conservation Commission

October 10, 2023

Call to Order: Committee Chair, Chuck Desmond, called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Attending: Chuck Desmond, Carol Boothby, Elizabeth Savincki, and David Mann.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for September 19th were distributed but not voted on because of a lack of a quorum.

Correspondence:

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Rumney confirmed the committee's account balance as \$119.69. Chuck submitted a request for \$350.00 for the 2024 fiscal year.

Town Forest, Nature Trail, Shapleigh Town Beach: Trail cleanup crew will meet at Chuck's place at 1:00 pm on Sunday afternoon October 22, 2023. Steve and Ann Hind will join us.

Planning Board:

Three Rivers Land Trust: Kayaks and a canoe are now available at Hansen Pond. Bring your own life jacket. The hike into the boats and dock is 1.2 miles. Sunday, November 5th, 10:00 to 1:00 pm, there will be a hike via foot and/or wheelchair to the summit of Goat hill.

Williams Property: Elizabeth and Carol reported that the trail at Williams Park looks good. The fields have been mowed.

Old Business: Chuck updated the committee on the Hodgdon Road saga. When Chuck and Dave Burns went to Hodgdon Road, they found an excavator as well as the berm of gravel blocking the Road. Michelle Rumney and Madge Baker determined that the town does have a right of way along Hodgdon Road which provides access to the Goose Pond Preserve. Legal Council is verifying this.

Ann Ward has not sent pictures of the Blanding Turtles.

Steve and Ann Hind live on the opposite end of the Goose Pond Preserve on the Totte Road and are also upset about ATV traffic on the preserve. Steve is putting up "NO ATV" signs on his end of the road and Madge will put them up on the Hodgdon Road. Mr. Hind will also install a game camera to help monitor ATV access to the preserve.

New Business: Be on the lookout for Mile-a-Minute weed. It grows up to 6-inches per day and has a barbed stem with triangular leaves. It was first found at a house along the coast which had just had new landscaping installed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by David Mann, Secretary