

MINUTES OF THE WEBSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Present: MJ MacGowan, Nancy Van Loan, Bob Quinn (Alternate and Secretary), Sally Embley, Betsy Janeway, Susan Roman, Linda Clark, and Chair, Chris Schadler.

1. **Appoint Secretary-** Bob Quinn was appointed Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. **Minutes-** The January 2017 minutes were accepted with a correction on the attendees (added Susan Roman in lieu of the “second” Chris Schadler).
3. **Correspondence-** The Commission’s new mail was delivered tonight: Announcements- Five Rivers sent an invitation to share any conservation success stories with other groups at a gathering scheduled for March 15. All are welcomed to attend (contact Five Rivers directly).
New Projects: A request for an expedited wetland application was received to “add a perched beach at Pillsbury Lake”. The site is at 107 New Hampshire Drive (Edward Lawrence). After discussion the WCC decided not to expedite it, therefore it will go to DES for a standard review.
4. **Town Meeting, March 18-** We discussed the solar power proposal that will be voted on next month. Because the next WCC meeting is scheduled for March 14 we will have another chance to get any last minute questions answered before March 18. MJ will help Chris with the WCC report for the Town Report.
5. **New Business:** Susan, as a Planning Board member, brought up that a new **Master Plan** is in the works for the calendar year 2017. The **WCC** needs to update our properties, plans, and maps as part of this process. We are all encouraged to read the Conservation chapter in the current Master Plan before our WCC meeting on April 11.
Betsy brought up **Isabel Brintnall** as an interested person and we agreed that she should be invited her to a meeting. Betsy will handle the invite. Betsy also has corresponded with Tim Fleury, Merrimack County Forester, about management plans on Webster town lands. He mentioned that we might consider cutting the (inevitably) diseased Red Pines at Riverdale with the idea of getting some value out of them now and then planting better wildlife shrubs. Betsy suggested that she invite **Anita Blakeman** to give her (Anita’s) professional opinion on our options
6. **Sponsor Speakers-** Chris brought up that Nancy Picthall, from **the Library**, mentioned that they are interested in bringing in speakers, starting with wildlife programs through the Fish and Game Department, and wanted our support and participation. We all agreed this would be great and we would help as much as we could.
7. **Webster Wild-** Chris brought up this new idea of organizing some kind of summer kids-camp in Town during the summer. Her idea would be to start next year and see how it goes. The consensus was to move forward with discussions about this idea.

8. **Event-** The Tree Identification Workshop held on Saturday, 21 January 2017 was well attended and folks expressed interest in doing it again.
9. **Spring Activity-** Linda and Sally will coordinate the roadside clean-up. The date is still TBD.

10. **Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Minutes respectively submitted by Bob Quinn.