

Webster Conservation Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at town office.

Present: Chris Schadler, Chair. Members: Isabel Brintnall, Linda Clark, Sally Embley, Betsy Janeway, Susan Roman.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Minutes of April CC Meeting were approved.

3. Discussion of the Beaverbrook Planning and Design plan for a house site on Deer Meadow Road in the Pillsbury Lake District, with photos by Janeway and Clark showing standing water in three places on the site which is not on the Lake. We wondered why a septic design permit was approved.

4. Correspondence:

Two conferences of interest to the CC:

Friday, June 2: Herbicides for Invasive Plant Management in Meredith at Church Landing at Mills Falls.

October 15, 9 am to 1 pm, a one-day Conference at the Forest Society (SPNHF): an annual gathering of conservation easement landowners.

Letter from the DES to Mr. Edward Lawrence re: a dredge and fill application, at 107 New Hampshire Drive in Pillsbury Lake District. DES needs more information, photographs, a plan showing footprint of retaining wall, sketch of beach. Mr. Lawrence has in the meantime sold the property, so this application may no longer be valid. Commission did not comment on application, due to lack of information.

DES Letter: Rose View Properties LLC on Chase Farm Road sent a Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification form for work in Webster: Tax Map 7, Lot 32.

Discussion: how to arrange a site visit inviting a DES inspector to join us. CC would also like to inspect the timber project on Dustin Road. Chris will ask Jane Difley for advice on setting this up.

5. Leonard Wildlife Management Area Timber Harvest: those of us who can will meet on Wednesday, May 31 to discuss and walk the project with a NH Fish & Game staff person..

6. New Business:

Protection for Blackwater River: Chris talked to Tracy Sales and has a temporary date to come talk to us on July 12th at our CC meeting about the nomination process to add the Blackwater River to the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. Tracy wants someone from the CC from each town (Webster, Hopkinton, and Salisbury) and someone from each town's select board. This a huge commitment and she wants us to know what we'd be getting into. It's a regional planning tool. The State coordinates how planning is done around the protected rivers. The State consults us on certain permitting decisions and forbids or allows certain activities. An Advisory Committee devises a management plan. There usually is some opposition from river landowners fearing loss of landowner rights.

7. Master Plan:

Pillsbury Lake: page 61 needs adjustment. Discussed: aquifer protection, buffers, conservation zoning. Found our large new maps. Need to make our "suggestions" stronger. Decided each of us will test our own well; Chris will pick up test kits for us. Purpose: to study a random sampling of Webster wells. Decided to meet to work on Master Plan on Tuesday, June 6, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Town Hall.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

DATES: Leonard Wildlife Management Area review of project and site visit: Weds. May 31.

Master Plan Workshop: Tues. June 6, 1-3. Next WCC Meeting: June 14th, 7 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Janeway