

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 4th, 5:30 pm

Members present: Rob Nadler, Dick VanDyne, Cort Hansen, Josephine Howland.

Rob called the meeting to orders at 5:40 pm.

Rob said that he had spoke with Carol Andrews of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions who wanted to come up to the meeting today. Rob said we wanted to meet with her in order that she advise us on the responsibilities of conservation commissions in NH. He suggested that we try and meet with her in July or August when all of the commission members were expected to be present.

Rob mentioned that he had exchanged e-mails with Suzanne Brown of the NH Institute of Agriculture and Forestry about field mowing and a certificate of insurance. Rob handed out a copy of the e-mail from Suzanne explaining her plans for the field area for the season.

Rob said that he had spoken with a Conway town official regarding a sign permit for a sign indicating all the organizations involved in the Albany Forest purchase. Since we are a governmental agency Albany does not to submit a permit for a sign in Conway. Rob then showed several samples of signs that he had created for the sign maker for layout purposes. He said we should provide them to at least 2 different companies once the organizations approve their logo use.

Dick made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/7/13 meeting. With the motion seconded, a 4-0 vote approved the minutes.

Cort and Rob discussed the progress that had been made since the last meeting. On 5/11 there had been a volunteer work day on the trails. Cort and Albany resident Mike Stewart rough cut the extension of the riverside trail from the campsite west to almost the western edge of the property. On 5/21 Cort worked with 5 volunteer NEMBA club members and did stumping and clearing of the trail tread-way on the same section of trail cut on 5/11. The trail is now partially cleared at least one half of the distance from the campsite to the west edge of the property. On 5/11 Rob had brought in his tractor and had raked and seeded the timber landing site at the new gate entrance. It is hoped that with the rainy weather that the seeds have had a good start and that fertilizer can be spread to stimulate growth. It was suggested that if we are going to fertilize the landing, perhaps we can fertilize the area where the topsoil was spread near the trestle at the same time. Cort said that he had completed paint blazing on all the 5 trails on the eastern side of the property and was ready to place the trail signs as soon as possible. A discussion about kiosk locations was made. It was agreed that the first location for a kiosk would be at the new parking lot site. The second site would be intended for the, as yet, unbuilt road trailhead adjacent to the NH DOT garage that will service the field area.

Dick brought up the recent appointment of the NH Co-op Extension agricultural agent for Carroll County. He said that he would contact her and see if there were any grant opportunities that Albany might qualify for.

Dick made a motion to adjourn, the motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.