



Town of Albany, NH
Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
July 7, 2020

Call to Order: Cathy Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:06

Present Physically: Chair Cathy Ryan, Sean Wadsworth, Kevin Tilton

Present by Phone: Mike Steward, Leah Valladares, Joe Ferris

Excused: Cort Hansen

New Business:

Joe Ferris: Joe stated that he was at the Town Forest and saw some large dead trees that had fallen along the Swift River. He asked if the trees could be cut up and removed. Kevin stated that the Town of Albany has property rights up to the center line of the river. Cathy stated that we would research this question. Kevin suggested asking the USVLT if they have any guidance. Don Johnson is the Forester that has shared guidance in the past. Kevin stated that he would contact Don in regards to this question.

Survey Permission: Mica Jasney from Native Plant Trust email below.

Leah asked a question regarding Covid-19 and quarantine for this study. Kevin stated that we could advise them to adhere to guidelines and restrictions as presented by the State of NH. Cathy Ryan will follow up.

From: Micah Jasny <mjasny@nativeplanttrust.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:13 AM

To: contact@albanynh.org

Subject: Survey Permission Request at Albany Town Forest

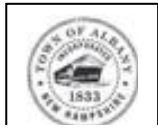
Hello Town of Albany Conservation Commission,

My name is Micah Jasny and I am the Botanical Coordinator for Native Plant Trust (formerly the New England Wild Flower Society). We are a non-profit plant conservation organization that partners with the NH Division of Forests and Lands to help monitor populations of rare plant species in New Hampshire. I am emailing you because we are interested in sending three of our trained botanists to survey a population of a plant called Autumn coralroot (*Corrallorhiza odontorhiza*) we believe is located along the border between the Albany Town Forest and the White Mountain National Forest along the upper slopes of Chase Hill.

The sole purpose of this survey is to see if the plants are still there (we last monitored in 2013) and, if so, record data on the population, surrounding community, and any potential threats. We would then share this data with the NH Division of Forests and Lands and send you a report of our findings. Please let us know if you have any questions and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warm regards,

Micah



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Other Business:

Cathy Ryan stated that she has talked with Joni from Grandview Farm, relaying that Grandview farm was grateful to the CC for permission to utilize the additional land.

Leah Valladares stated that she saw graffiti on some of the rocks along the Swift River.

Mike Steward made a motion to table the approval of past minutes. Sean seconded. Roll call vote. 5-0-0. The motion carries

GWPO:

Sean facilitated a discussion of the Model Ground Water Protection Ordinance, reading through sections IV – VI.

Adjournment: Kevin made a motion to adjourn. Sean seconded. Roll call vote 5-0-0. The motion carried at 7:01pm.

Next meeting August 3rd, 2020 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Wadsworth – Acting Secretary