Bartlett Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

11/14/23

Present: Colleen Ryan, Steve Frackleton, Craig Billie, Mike Morin, Chris Fithian (chair)

Meeting called to order at 6:05

New business:

Steve made a motion to renew the commission's membership in the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Mike seconded; unanimously approved.

The Dundee Community Forest management advisory committee is having a kickoff meeting on Mon. Dec. 4 at 5:30 at the USVLT office in Conway Village, to be followed by three field visits over the year to the three sections of the forest. USVLT will be looking for a designated representative to serve on the committee, but the introductory meeting is open to all commission members. There will also be a community info session Thursday at 6 at the Jackson Library.

The deadline for submitting a warrant article for town meeting is Tues. Feb. 6. A larger invasive species project would likely require a warrant article.

Discussion: Should the commission prepare materials to educate the public about the availability of rebates and tax credits for energy efficiency and green energy?

Old business:

Mike, Steve, and Chris accompanied Tom Gross to a select board meeting to seek a letter of support for the effort by the Saco Headwaters Alliance to commission a feasibility analysis for upgrading all of the out-of-date culverts. The select board voted to sign the letter.

The commission met at the town beach on Oct. 21 to assess its potential for an invasive species removal day in the spring. Discussion about a pilot project for 2024: Steve will contact Jackson Conservation Commission to propose cooperating to get a quote from a licensed pesticide applicator, ahead of drafting a budget for a pilot project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Action items:

Everyone will review the proposed warrant articles that Chris sent around and think about a proposed budget to discuss at next meeting.

Steve will contact Jackson Conservation Commission re. cooperating on an invasive plant project.

Next meeting: December 12 @ 6pm