

## **Bartlett Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**9/12/23**

Present: Colleen Ryan, Steve Frackleton, Craig Billie, Mike Morin

Meeting called to order at 6:05

New business:

The Commission was notified of a permit alteration request from Horizon Engineering to reroute a portion of gravel road related to Attitash's work on its new chairlift. The revised plan includes no wetland impact and a reduced amount of impervious surface, so the commission has no concerns.

We were also notified of a complaint that NH DES received against River Run Co. relating to a development on Vale Way. The complaint alleges that the developer altered more than 100,000 square feet of terrain without a permit. Steve will follow up with DES for more information.

Old business:

Invasive plant workshop: The Commission is hosting an invasive plant identification workshop with Doug Cygan of the NH Dept. of Agriculture on Sept. 21. Steve invited all of the valley conservation commissions and also notified people at Tin Mountain and Upper Saco Valley Land Trust. Colleen posted the event on the Commission's Facebook page. Two members of the Jackson Conservation Commission, at least two members of the Bartlett Conservation Commission, and 1-2 Eaton citizens are planning to attend, so far.

Steve will ask Doug about how to develop an action plan for invasives in town and potential funding sources. The commission has already begun mapping invasive plant populations on public rights of way in town. Japanese knotweed is a major problem along many town roads. Following the workshop, the commission will choose a location to begin and make a treatment plan. If herbicides are required, we will need to get input from the town and consider getting someone trained in safe application or plan to hire a trained applicator.

Steve also spoke to a manager at Storyland about the invasive plants on their property, encouraging them to begin treating them and offering the commission as a resource for information.

Steve, Mike, and Colleen visited Stillings Farm to familiarize ourselves with the property and survey for invasives on Sept 10. We walked the property boundaries and found no invasive species.

The commission discussed the need to develop a schedule for monitoring of town-owned lands and easements.

Discussion of potential warrant articles was postponed to the next meeting when Chris is present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

### **Action items:**

Everyone will review the proposed warrant articles that Chris sent around to discuss at next meeting.

Colleen and Steve will continue to look into financial resources for invasive species management.

Next meeting: October 10 @ 6pm

