

Ashland Conservation Commission (unapproved)

January 8, 2014 Minutes

Attendees: Renee Liebert, Stacy Luke, Gordon McCormack, Jr.

Call to order 6:38.

Minutes

- I. Gordon seconded. Amend date of the minutes from December 12 to December 11. Review Minutes of December 11, 2013 – Motion to approve minutes made by Liebert, McCormack seconded. No other corrections. Minutes approved 3-0.

New Business

- II. Correspondence: The Commission received a letter from Fred and Jane Bieber with a \$100 donation to the Conservation Commission. Liebert will send a Thank you note from the Commission. The Conservation Commission has requested that the money be deposited in the conservation fund.
- III. Goals: The Planning Board is requesting a list of 10 goals from the Conservation Commission for the Master Plan. Luke is requesting more information about what specifically is needed.
- IV. Composters & Rain Barrels: Liebert moved to sell composters & rain barrels again this year. McCormack seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- V. Luke reported that the dues for the Pemi River LAC of \$250 was made per the vote of the Commission at the December 11 meeting to pay the dues up to \$300.
- VI. Natural Resources Inventory: Luke has been researching hiring Jeff Littleton to complete the Town's Natural Resource Inventory. We can do it piecemeal – using funds from the Conservation Fund to start and then possible future warrant article. Liebert will contact Acworth, Troy & Marlow for references on Mr. Littleton.
- VII. Squam River as Designated River: Jacquie Colburn is the person who coordinates. Luke will continue to look into it.
- VIII. River quality: Almost every pH reading was not within state standards. Too acidic. Standard for DES is 6.5-8.0 – almost every pH collected was below 6.5. All other items tested were within state standards. For next season, are we going to do additional testing at possible additional cost. Luke suggests salinity to see effect of road salt. Statewide

trend for salinity going up. E. coli is the other possible test. Luke will find costs and report at February meeting.

- IX. Scribner trails: Liebert received a response to her email to Hardy. Mr. Hardy gave a list of things necessary before he would come out to do a site visit. Liebert is planning to snowshoe the area and will report back to the Commission with an opinion on whether this is a good area for trails.

Motion to adjourn made by Liebert. Seconded by Gordon. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.