

Hancock Conservation Commission Meeting - Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Members Present: Roberta LaPlante (Chair), Phil Brown, Jack MacWhorter, Eric Spitzbarth (Selectmen's rep.); others present: Alison Rossiter (Nubanusit Lake Association)

Meeting called to order by Roberta at 7:04 pm.

I. Lake Host Program

Alison Rossiter of the Nubanusit Lake Association was present to discuss the Nubanusit Lake Host and other topics related to the lake. She thanked the Commission for continued support of the Lake Host program at the \$500 level. She reported that, thanks in part to HCC support, the Lake Host performed over 2,000 boat inspections in 2015 and that the program was able to expand hours into higher-usage times, achieving a record amount of coverage. The program's goals are education and detection of aquatic invasive species, which can have a detrimental ecological and economic impact to lakes. Currently the lake has no invasives. Alison requested of the HCC consideration towards longer-range planning to address aquatic invasives in its waterbodies including Lake Nubanusit and Norway Pond. This can be achieved through passing a warrant article and/or local fundraising efforts. The Nelson CC provides \$2,000 each year to the Lake Association even with its smaller share of the lake, and also contributes towards monitoring at Granite Lake and one other lake. Harrisville is considering action on its waterbodies as well. HCC will discuss options with other towns.

II. Prospect Hill Property

Review of recent monitoring walk with Steve Walker from NH DRED and recent correspondences. Roberta read a NHFG letter to HCC detailing ongoing concerns about boundaries and a new snowmobile trail that was discovered on the property. Phil will follow up with a phone call to NHFG to begin addressing these issues.

III. Natural Resource Inventory

A community forum is planned for June 7 at 6:30 pm with Jeff Littleton to officially launch the NRI update and invite public input. HCC will create a flyer to post in Town and in June Hancock Happenings newsletter. Roberta signed the contract between HCC and Jeff Littleton to authorize HCC to spend \$5,495 for the update, as is permitted in RSA 36-A:5, without a Town vote. In light of the discussion about the NRI and its goals, the Norway Hill Orchard property was discussed as a potential parcel for future town land protection efforts.

IV. Other Business

Review of mail. NHACC dues paid.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Phil seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Brown.