

Hancock Conservation Commission Meeting - Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Members Present: Roberta LaPlante (Chair), Phil Brown, Jack MacWhorter, Eric Spitzbarth (Selectmen's rep.), Nina Pollock, Harry Pollock, J.P. Bernier

Meeting called to order by Roberta at 7:05 pm.

**I. Potential conservation easement violations**

A landowner who recently logged a Harris Center deed-restricted property crossed the line onto a portion of the ownership held as a Town conservation easement which does not permit forestry. A forester's estimate valued the 32 trees cut at around \$400. This incident appears to be unintentional and relatively minor; however, the HCC will pursue reimbursement as per state law. Discussion of how to proceed as no legal language exists in this easement deed. Roberta will follow-up with a letter to the landowners advising that the HCC will be addressing this issue.

A discussion of monitoring and other potential issues, including the Walcott Conservation Easement.

**II. Prospect Hill property**

Roberta wrote a letter to the Monadnock Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club to inquire about the history a snowmobile corridor that crosses the Prospect Hill property (unauthorized, according to NHFG as the conservation easement restricts this trail without prior HCC approval).

Phil will contact a forester to address boundary posting and blazing.

**III. Conservation Fund reallocations**

The HCC will ask the Selectboard to transfer funds into the Conservation Fund.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Phil seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Brown.