

MINUTES

Epsom, NH Conservation Committee

August 17, 2017

Attendees	Guests
Alison Parodi, Chair Sarah Barnum, Member Cal Preston, Member Denyce Gagne, Member Elsie Fife, Member	

Old Business:

- Alison gave an update on the budget expenditures; the Planning Board denied the ECC request to spend funds on conservation projects that do not guarantee public access and do not focus on projects the ECC has previously identified as focus areas.
- Denyce stated there is no update to the Economic Development Committees Town trail project.
- The culvert at the outlet to Mill Pond is still exposed. Cal will try to get access to equipment to backfill and protect the culvert.

New Business:

- The Blakes Brook Campground has been sold and has undergone a Change of Use from a campground to a "tiny house getaway." As an abutter, Alison had the opportunity to visit the project and discuss leaving the trails open to the public on the property.
- Bear Paw, in cooperation with the ECC, is currently in discussions with Alan Barton regarding several of his properties in both Epsom and Deerfield which include the ECC desired property abutting the Town Forest and on which the Neville Peak trail crosses.
- The ECC received a Permit by Notification for dock repair by MacCallums Boats, but it was dated in March.
- We previously discussed kicking off an education campaign regarding invasive plants; none of the current members have time and/or interest to pursue this right now but we may revisit the topic in the future.

- A request was received to set up a Disc Golf Course on the Town Forest. The ECC did not see this activity as appropriate for the property due to potential environmental impacts due to clearing of brush and the creation of new trails. The request was denied.
- Alison will update the camping permit process for the Town Forest with an written agreement to be signed and an educational handout on proper camping etiquette.
- It is easement monitoring season again; Sarah will monitor Stewart CE, Denyce will take Smith CE, and Alison will handle the Town Forest.

Next meeting: September 21, 2017.