## Minutes of the September 2019 Meeting Jefferson Conservation Commission Tuesday 17 September 2019

Members Present: Jamie Savage, Nancy Decourcey, Charles Muller and David Govatski. Public: Leslie Bergum, Ingerson Road, Jefferson.

Start time: 7 PM.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Discussion of a wetlands complaint on a potential dam on Priscilla Brook. A citizen made a complaint to the NH DES about a possible dam that Mark Guaraldi of South Easton, MA mentioned to the person who filed the complaint. The property is Tax Map 5 Tract 9 and possibly Tract 45. The commission reviewed photographs of a road that was constructed without evidence of wetland permits to Priscilla Brook. This stream is an important cold-water stream for resident brook trout and a dam would be detrimental to these fish and other aquatic life. The Commission has been in touch with NH Fish and Game, Trout Unlimited and the Wetlands Bureau and is monitoring the situation.
- 2. The Commission offered to assist the Planning Board with the new Master Plan. The Commission would provide a chapter or appendix with a Natural Resource Inventory of the town. Charles Muller is coordinating with the Planning Board.
- 3. The Randolph Mountain Club contacted the Commission to discuss problems of the Owls Head Trail off of Route 115 to the summit of Owls Head. The lower section is very wet and the RMC would like to relocate the trail to the old location to eliminate this wet area and shortening the overall distance. The commission provided the RMC with the land owner address for them to contact and seek permission.
- 4. Building permits were reviewed and no wetland issues were noted. Some permits failed to show the address or location of the project making it difficult to review.
- 5. Nancy was asked why the US Fish and Wildlife Service has not cleared the scenic view at the overlook on Route 115 near the Carroll Town Line. The reason is that the property is privately owned by William Corkery and he was not interested in having this cleared.
- 6. Commission members shared information about natural resource conditions in town since the last meeting.

The commission adjourned at 8:00 PM.

David Govatski, Chairman

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