

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting- August 16, 2018

Minutes Approved on-

Present: Michael Munhall, Jon Manley, Joseph MacGregor, and Thomas James

Co-Chair Michael Munhall called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

1. Minutes
  - a. The minutes from the June 21, 2018 meeting were accepted as written.
2. Planning Board Site Walk
  - a. David McKenzie, Bennington Planning Board Chairman invited the Conservation Commissioners to attend a site walk on August 27, 201 at 6 p.m. as part of a hearing for a subdivision of the property designated at Map 18, Lot 2 at 295 North Bennington Rd.
3. Edes Forest Walk
  - a. The annual Edes Forest Walk is set for Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 9 a.m.
  - b. The Commissioners noted that there are several missing markers that will need to be replaced. The Commissioners will also use this time to perform maintenance on the Forest trails.
  - c. It was noted by several Commissioners viewing fires in the Forest and what appeared to be individuals heading to a party in the Forest. The Bennington Police have been notified. The Commissioners discussed possibilities of placing signs regarding no fires, no overnight camping, no motorized vehicles, and carry in carry out. All were in favor of placing signs.
  - d. Thomas James noted spraying near the River. Joe and Jon noted anyone spraying should have applied for a permit through DES along with the review of the River Committee before any spraying can occur.
4. Samuels Family Forest Walk and Dedication
  - a. The Frankestown Land Trust will hold their official dedication and celebration of the Samuels Family Forest property on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The time has not been set at this time.
5. Hancock Perambulation
  - a. The perambulation for the Bennington-Hancock line is set for Saturday, October 6, 2018. The Commissioners will meet at the Bennington VFW at 9 a.m. Hancock Conservation Commissioners will be invited to take part in the perambulation.
  - b. The Commissioners will contact Glauterman and Bogue who own property on North Rd to seek permission to walk across their properties during the perambulation.
6. NRI
  - a. The Commissioners have not received the final NRI report. Valerie Germain has emailed Jeff regarding the final report of the NRI.
7. Campers

- a. The two students who attended camp at the Harris Center this summer will be invited to attend the September meeting to report back to the Commissioners regarding their camp experience.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Karen Belcher  
Conservation Commissioner Recording Secretary