

New Hampton Conservation Commission

2018 Annual Retreat

January 13, 2018

New Hampton Town Office

Upstairs Meeting Room, 6 Pinnacle Hill Rd.

Minutes

Commission members present: R. Leroux, G. DuBois, D. Moore (Chair), R. Pollock, T. Simpson;

Absent: P. Schlesinger

Meeting called to order at 9:17 AM

Summary of 2017 Activities

Drafted and revised by-laws

Provided input into Open Space Plan

Testimony to Site Evaluation Committee to bury transmission lines.

Finished survey of Glines Memorial Forest

Completed 2014 Stewardship Plan of Kelly Drake Conservation Area with timber cut.

Collaborated with Plymouth State University and New Hampton School in Service Learning Project.

Environmental Studies Project with 4th Grade students at NH Community School

- o and the Squam Lakes Science Center.

Completed marking boundaries and signage of conservation areas.

Volunteers helped to clear K-D Property cellar holes and cut/mark trails.

Began process to create parking area for Snake River Conservation Area.

Created Process for monitoring Conservation easements and completed monitoring of all areas.

Settlement of one easement in question.

Goals for 2018

Continue with yearly easement monitoring using current process.

Establish quarterly financial statement for monitoring income and expenses.

Meet with Select Board on a quarterly basis.

Recruit new members of the Commission.

Kelly-Drake Conservation Area

Bridges installed over streams and wetlands (BSA).
3 Benches installed (BSA).
Blazing and signage installed for trails.
Continued apple trees release and hog brushing project.
Arrange for volunteers to cut brush around apple trees.
Develop a new forest management plan.
Assess need for improved parking area.
Contract for mowing and brushing of area near and around cellar holes
Map of trails and flyers printed and distributed.
Trail maps and description placed on trail information websites (alltrails.com).
Assessment for placing Kiosk at trail head.
Meet with NH Historical Society to determine interest in cellar hole and cemetery signage.
Exploratory mission to Kelly Island and place boundary signage.

Snake River Conservation Area

Complete study of safe public access and parking.
Develop a design for a trail and nature observation area along river.

Glines Property

Complete survey and mark boundary.
Develop forest management plan\

Bald Ledge

Create trail map, print and place on web, alltrails.com
Improve signage.
Trail maintenance.

Jeness Spring Conservation Area

Bring knotweed under control.
Signage