

Lyndeborough Conservation Commission, February 11, 2016

Members in attendance: Sharon Akers, Kurt Berna, Theresa Berna, Greg Kreider, Mike Hasty

Also in attendance: Selectmen Lee Mayhew and Mark Shultz, and Mila Paul

Minutes taken by: Theresa Berna

Cold Brook –

- A property on Cold Brook off of New Road has been heavily logged in recent weeks and lots of slash was left behind in the water itself. Cold Brook contains minnows, trout fish populations and feeds into the Purgatory. There also seemed to be a more stream crossings than were necessary. Sharon will question forester.

Putnam Pond (Lee)

- Parking area – it could be a nicer place and friendly to families.
- Currently, it is not very appealing. There are dead trees which do provide habitat but there were two trees that were draping over the entrance. It looks a mess.
- The thought was that it would not take much money but man hours.
- Gravel in the parking area to increase the levelness.
- In time, a picnic table or a swing set.
- On the boat ramp it is missing a ramp or float so that a person could enter their kayak without stepping into the muck.
- Clean up the weeds and make it pretty.
- The selectman were ok with cleaning it up and not taking a lot of money
- Jesse Salisbury says that underneath the pond is a baseball field.
- One idea was to take down the trees on the point and use those trees to make the picnic table.
- Garbage can – have a can or not? Make it a carry in/carry out site.

Steps to take:

- Approval by the Conservation Commission
- Meet with the Town Administrator and Kent to get some of this work into his schedule.
- Perhaps work on the sign (even some flowers).
- Site walk: to be scheduled in the spring – April or May – what about Earth Day. Tentative date for a walk through is April 17th at 10:00 am.

Purgatory Falls:

- Could trash be picked up on a regular basis?
- We need to first determine if the entrances to the falls are in Lyndeborough and whether they are on private or public land. WE think private which is why we were not maintaining them. If it is ours then we would like to have the trash picked up.

Mila Paul – Student at UNH in Forest Technology at the Thomson's School

- Group project with two other students. Has done a lot of hiking and pellet collection for the Fish and Game. Not far from Fitch's Corner the parking site may be in Lyndeborough or Milford. The parking area is on private property (maybe Fitch land or Pike that may own the actual parking lot). No kiosk because of the ownership of the property.
- Idea is to make signs at the Lower Falls.
- Itsmila.paul@gmail.com

Bobcat letter was sent to the NH Fish and Game and our names were put on the other letter.

Dues need to be sent to SPNHF

Send all minutes to Cindi Hasty

To Do:

- Clarify where the parking lot is – whose property is it on?
- Earth Day – open up Putnam Pond for a walkabout perhaps on Saturday, April 24th
- Hike in the morning and bring brown bag lunch and perhaps bring boats in the afternoon.
- Could gather more interest if you make it a concise event.
- Perhaps a hike would make more sense at this time of the year.

Next Meeting is March 10th

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.