

In attendance: Slim Spafford, Chair, Cindy Carpenter, Gina Rescigno, Vice-Chair, Ruth Gaffey, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted as read (Rescigno/Carpenter)

Fishing Derby:

Slim picked up the Fishing Derby flyers and will find them and put them up around the area; he has received the permit for the Fishing Derby and ordered the fish

Gina has taken care of trophies, putting signs up around town, and bringing the scales and forms that we need on the day of the Derby

Everyone will be bringing food

Ruth left a message with NLRA asking for someone with knowledge of pond ecology to help us with the Town Pond which suffered damage in the 2017 flood.

Ruth reported that she declined to pursue the application for the Bioblitz because Groton land is not large enough to meet the criteria

Slim brought in the NRI and members will take it home in turn to look over in detail. Ruth will write a publicity notice about the NRI to appear in the local paper and on the town website

Clean Up Day:

97 bags of trash were collected during the May 4 Groton Town Cleanup. There were 25 enthusiastic participants. Lunch was served at the Town House following the Clean Up and all agreed it had been a successful effort and a great community builder. Everyone appreciated the T shirts handed out by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Slim attended the conservation Easement Monitoring Program in Canterbury. Conservation Commissions throughout New Hampshire are responsible for seeing these lands are monitored. It was agreed that the next meeting would be devoted to a discussion of which lands in Groton are required to be monitored. It was further agreed that a letter would be sent to each of these properties asking

who is currently monitoring these properties and how often. The commission will work on this at their next meeting.

Slim listed the following Conservation Lands in Groton:

Sculptured Rocks Geologic Site/State of NH

Cockermouth Forest/Society for the Protection of NH Forests (Forest Society)

Mount Crosby State Park/State of NH

Green Acres/Federal Legacy

Mourning Dove/Federal Legacy

Province Road State Forest/State of NH

Kimball Hill/NH Fish and Game

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by Ruth Gaffey