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**July 12, 2015**  
**Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC)**  
**Field Meeting, Camels Hump Nordic Trails and Huntington Town Forest**

Commissions Members Present: JB Bryan, Roman Livak, Sheri Lynn, Darlene Palola, Rebecca Ryan, and Jenna Whitson.

Public present: Dave Brautigam, Ernie Palola, Terry Ryan, Guthrie Smith

Meeting assembled at the Camels Hump Nordic Skiers Association (CHNSA) parking lot at the top of Bert White Road.

Meeting called to order at 0930.

**Review and Approve Minutes** – Was not discussed.

**Stormwater Runoff** – Darlene described a culvert near the Town garage, on Town land, which she thought was allowing far too much road stormwater runoff to flow directly into the Huntington River. She contacted Ann Smith, Executive Director of the Friends of the Winooski River, and discovered that funds are available for them for engineering assessments of this sort of issue and options for its mitigation. There is also potential for matching grants to execute mitigation plans. Roman noted cost and solutions to stormwater mitigation can be high and not necessarily actually do much. JB noted that engineering assessments are expensive and that Huntington has a lot of runoff issues and this might set a costly precedent. Darlene noted that there are new rules regarding stormwater management, and there is a new paradigm emerging regarding it.

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Sheri made a Motion to go ahead with contacting the Friends of the Winooski (<http://www.winooskiriver.org/>) and pursue the engineering assessment. JB seconded; unanimously approved.

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**Town Forest** - Dave Brautigam, CHNSA President, asked the HCC to reconsider its previous ruling regarding construction of a Nordic ski trail through the Town Forest, and handed out copies of the ruling and his proposed revision. He asked the HCC to observe the trail work done on the Fritz land as an example of what CHNSA would do through the Town Forest. HCC agreed to do this and will discuss at next meeting.

**Formal meeting adjourned at 0950.**

**Next meeting is in August, to be determined.**

**Town Forest Visit** - HCC and public present then drove over to the Hale Woods clearing on the Stagecoach Road ski trail and then walked along the Catamount trail to the Town Forest. The northeast and northwest corners were noted, which are along the existing path of the Catamount Trail.

Dave B. showed the HCC members the work ongoing on the Fritz land new ski trail. Everyone then walked the proposed ski trail line in the Town Forest, and then walked the previously ruled trail line (which is higher up and partially utilizes an existing old logging road). Much discussion was held about the best and least disruptive path, and the best locations for any small bridges for skiers. (Dave's proposal includes two such bridges along the lower flatter contour he prefers to the HCC previously ruled path.)

Dave, Darlene, and Ernie returned to the cars parked at Hale Woods. Everyone else walked through a bit more of the Town Forest and then back to the CHNSA parking lot via the Crows Foot, Big Baldy, and Bear Scat trails.

Visit and hike were over at 1145.

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