Ashland Conservation Commission October 25, 2017 6:30 pm

Members present: Harold Lamos, Walter Durack, Amanda Loud

Minutes of 9/27 approved

Announcements: Walter shared (from Susan McLeod) a press release from Dartmouth College regarding a NASA study blue algae in the Lakes Region.

Walter shared news about the sole loon hatching on Squam, and Harold noted that throughout the state we are all guilty of not taking proper caution with what ends up in the local waters. The CC resolved to continue to educate the Town to the best of our abilities.

No new wetland permits to review

Old Business:

Northern Pass continues in its hearings.

Water sampling/ testing: Amanda will research and report back as to the most cost effective way to test for salt in Ashland waters.

Sourcewater Protection Committee: Amanda reported on the work of the committee and noted that the hurdles will be writing the warrant article and education the public on the importance of source water protection.

Amanda will attend the NHACC meeting on Nov. 4.

New Business:

NHACC annual invoice: CC voted to submit this for payment

PSU Sustainable Communities/ AEDC Walter will talk to Susan McLeod about getting some help from the PSU environmental students with the Master Plan/ Natural Resources Inventory chapter.

CC noted the upcoming water quality discussion at PSU on Nov. 1. Amanda plans to attend.

November meeting will be Nov. 29, 2017.