

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2013

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Matthew Oliveira, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board met with Anne McBride from the Monadnock Conservancy regarding the Bon property on Whittemore Hill Road. This is a joint effort between the Conservancy and Northeast Wilderness Trust with the lot being donated to the Conservancy and the Trust holding the easement. The Conservancy is asking the Commission to contribute \$12,000 for transaction costs which include the survey, title easement and insurance, attorney fees, training of land stewards, baseline documentation and staff time. If the Commission decides to contribute the funds, the Town would hold an executory easement on the property and would be obligated to deal with any violations that the Northeast Wilderness Trust fails to address. Bob would need to meet with the Selectmen to obtain their approval.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trails:** Bob spoke with Mr. Kellogg on the phone regarding a trail on his property. Mr. Kellogg expects to move back to New Ipswich in the spring of 2014. He would like to raise cattle and asked if the trail could be kept off the top of the hill. Members viewed the lot on the tax map and discussed how the trail could be laid out.

**Water Resources:** Signage is needed for the stream crossings. Bob will put up a map on the website and indicate where he thinks signs should be placed and will let members know when it is up. Members agreed the signs should be placed on crossings of second order streams only, there will be one per crossing, and the signs can be read on both sides. Matt will follow-up with Peter Goewey on the cost of putting up the signs.

David is working on the stream buffer amendment. Bob advised him to speak with Liz Freeman.

David has finished a sign for Mansfield Meadow, one of the dam sites and two for the Nussdorfer Nature Area. For the Nussdorfer Nature Area, Bob stated he will accept Mike Conlin's offer to put a sign on his property.

**New Business:** Bob made a motion to donate \$12,676 to the Monadnock Conservancy for protection of the Bon property. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At the January meeting, Bob will provide a tutorial on how to use our GIS site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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