

DRAFT MINUTES  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 9, 2014

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

ABSENT: Dixie Rhoads

PUBLIC: Kleta Dudley (SOLAC representative)

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

The minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting were reviewed and the following correction made: page 2, last paragraph, Ashy should be Ashby. Dave made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trails:** Nothing further has been done on the Kellogg trail. Matt will draw on a map where the Commission wants the trail to go around the stone walls and it will be sent to Mr. Kellogg. Bob will follow up with Mr. Kellogg and at that time raise the issue of the dog signs.

**Lands:** Bob was at the Williston property and found over 200 gun shells. The property needs signage. Bob will contact Ed Rogers who will be doing the survey of the property and make sure markers are placed on the boundaries. Members were asked to think of a name for the property.

Bob spoke to Representative Jim Coffey regarding the Nussdorfer sign and Jim would like to submit a bill to allow brown signs in the State right of way. A sign for the Nussdorfer Nature Area could be added to a street sign and face both ways for around \$300.00. A blue and white State sign will cost \$400.00. The Board will decide at the next meeting what signage to pursue.

Bob will ask Peter Goewey to level off the parking area for the Nussdorfer Nature Area as well as clear out the parking area. David's sign could be placed at the entrance to the area.

**Communications:** The Commission received an invoice from Bay Ring Communications for web site hosting for the old Conservation Commission web site in the amount of \$195.00. The Commission agreed to close out the Bay Ring account as the site is now defunct.

**Water Resources:** There is nothing further on the possible wetland violation on Goen Road.

Members discussed the grant for the stream project and there is \$1,769.48 still on account. The quote that Matt received in December for signs was reviewed. Bob will come up with a list of streams and then he and Matt will decide the location for the signs.

David sent a draft of the amendment to the stream ordinance to Liz Freeman and Ed Dekker and they would like to see a finished product. David will send a draft out to the Commission.

**Old Business:** Bob compared the functionality of the Garmin vs. a smart phone. The Garmin is more compact and accurate with a longer lasting battery. Matt stated that there should be an instruction sheet for using the Garmin kept with it.

**New Business:** Joanne noted that someone had spoken to her about the clearing of the Tripp property on King Road and the cutting up to the stream. The 25 foot stream buffer was not maintained. Members discussed penalties for violations and what could be done to remedy the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary