

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 11, 2015

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

ABSENT: Jack Messe, Dixie Rhoads

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

The minutes of the February 11, 2015 were reviewed and the following corrections made: paragraph under Water Resources, third sentence should read "... needs to be located 25 feet from the stream."; fourth sentence should read "...be prepared to prevent location of animals..." Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob made a motion to approve the January 14, 2015 minutes. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Lands: Bob suggested the Williston property be named after Mary Jane Grasty who recently passed away. She served on many Town boards as well as the Hampshire Country School and Friends of the Wapack. This will be discussed again when all the members are present and Bob will also meet with the Selectmen for their input.

Water Resources: David distributed a draft of the amendment to the stream buffer ordinance. It was pointed out that the impact will be to new development and that should be stressed in the fact sheet. Discussion will continue once everyone has a chance to review the draft.

Old Business: The warrant article to reduce the current use funds to the Conservation Commission failed by a vote of 583 yes and 843 no. Bob thanked everyone who had contributed to the mailing of the flyer.

New Business: Bob attended an open house with Kinder Morgan on the proposed gas pipeline in Fitchburg, MA. David handed out a resolution by the Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission on the gas pipeline. The Selectmen will be holding an open forum with Kinder Morgan on March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mascenic High School Auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

