

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board received an e-mail from Doug Waitt resigning from the Commission.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Mr. Kellogg has not responded to the letter on the placement of the trail. If Bob does not hear from him by the next meeting, a second letter will be sent.

Land: Bob received a letter from Anne McBride at the Monadnock Conservancy. The Conservancy is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$12,676 to help protect the Bon property located on Ashby and Whittemore Hill Roads. The Commission is awaiting action by the Conservancy on four other properties in New Ipswich. Bob will contact Ms. McBride to find out what those expenses will be before any decision is made on the Bon property. Joanne will provide information on the Commission bank accounts at the next meeting.

Bob called the DOT office in Swanzey regarding replacement of the Nussdorfer Nature Area signs and was told the signs cannot be placed in the State's right-of-way. He had originally been told that the signs could be replaced where they were originally installed. Members discussed placing the signs in the town's right-of-way on Old Country Road. Bob will follow up with the State DOT office in Concord.

Water Resources: Bob noted that the stream sign project needs to be completed. There is money left in the grant for completion of the project. Matt volunteered to contact Doug for a list of the streams. The Commission can then procure the signs and have them installed by the Highway Department.

Members discussed Rick Van de Poll's presentation last month and agreed it was very informative. The Commission has not yet received Mr. Van de Poll's cost estimate to prepare the stream map and Bob will contact him.

Old Business: Bob now has a list of current use owners who receive the 20% recreational adjustment. This means that their property cannot be posted and public access must be allowed. He is visiting each property and will prepare a list for the Board of Assessors of those that are in violation. Matt offered to share in the property review.

Matt, Jack and David were unanimously approved for re-appointment as members for three year terms each. Bob was nominated as Chairman, Joanne as Secretary and David as Vice Chairman and approved unanimously.

Bob set up the new projector and screen and demonstrated how to use the maps located on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary