

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

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

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Dixie Rhoads

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. David made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2013 meeting. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rick Van de Poll was present for a discussion on how to safeguard the quality of water for future generations in accordance with the Master Plan, and in particular the perennial streams in New Ipswich. Mr. Van de Poll suggested the first step is the inventorying of the streams for protection and determining what they need protection from. Suggestion was made of a 25 foot no cut area from streams. Determining violations and assessing penalties is difficult and it was agreed that prevention of violations by getting the information out to the public would be very important. Mr. Van de Poll recommended that the Commission first submit a warrant article to approve the map of the streams and then submit a separate warrant article on how to protect them. Soliciting and receiving public input on the process will help in getting the articles passed. Mr. Van de Poll will submit a cost estimate to the Commission for preparing the map.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Once Bob receives approval from the State for the Commission to replace the Nussdorfer Nature Area signs on Turnpike Road, David will make them. The Highway Department will be asked to assist with putting the signs on the posts.

Bob made a motion to approve payment of \$200.00 for Rick Van de Poll's consult this evening. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business: Discussion of the logo was put off until next month's meeting.

New Business: Members gave approval to Bob to purchase a projector and screen.

The budget for 2014-15 was reviewed and it was agreed to keep it the same as this year at \$1,875.00.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

