

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 11, 2016

PRESENT: Bob Boynton Chairman, David McTigue, Jack Messe, Lisa Oden, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC Representative) Karen Miller and Lori Rautiola

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

The minutes of the April 13, 2016 minutes were reviewed and the following corrections were made: Under water resources remove the word "before" and replace with "being drafted". Under Old Business capitalize the word "Glue". Bob made a motion to approve the April minutes as amended. David seconded and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Lands: Bob referred to the April minutes when Matt suggested having Peter Goewey put signs up the Commission should really use Peter for more heavy work such as backhoe work etc; Noting the Commission is capable of putting signs up themselves. The members all agreed. David gave an update on progress of the signs and agreed to put up the sign for the Williams property trailhead with lag bolts. Bob would like to see the signs up so people know where the Town Conservation Land is located.

Bob reported the agreement for the New Ipswich Mountain parcel will be under easement by next week.

Water Resources: Lisa gave an update on the Stream Buffer Ordinance she and Matt have been working on and asked what the timeline was for this ordinance to be completed. Bob noted to ask the Planning Board the date as it needs to be ready for next year's Town Meeting.

Karen gave an update of the Ground Water Protection Ordinance she and David have been working on.

Communications: Bob mentioned the Rice property on New Ipswich Mountain is going to require monitoring. Jack questioned which properties need to be monitored by the Commission and Bob responded they are the Currier Property and the Whittemore Hill Property (Kellogg Property). Jack volunteered to monitor the Whittemore Property in the next few weeks and Karen and Kleta agreed to help.

Bob noted he is working on getting the Tax Maps to line up more accurately with the road system.

New Business: Bob noted the pipeline project seems to be dissipating and asked the members what they learned as a Commission from this experience, Lisa noted the ordinances (Stream Buffer and Ground Water Protection) are two important projects for the Commission. Karen added it would be a good idea to have the NRI re- done. The members agreed as it has been twelve years since the last NRI was done and the quote from Mr. Van de Pol could be revised to research other properties, not just the ones abutting the former pipeline route.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Rautiola, Secretary