

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 10, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Bill Watkinson, Dixie Rhoads, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Freddi Kazo, Doug Waite, Jack Messe, Becky Doyle

PUBLIC: Matt Oliveira

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

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Lands: New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. submitted an invoice for \$3,054.32 for boundary survey work done to the recently purchased lot near Tophet Swamp. They also submitted an invoice for \$7,519.50 for boundary survey work done on the Rice and Tuttle property off Pratt Pond Road. Dixie made a motion to pay New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. \$3,054.32; Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bill made a motion to pay New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. \$7,519.50; Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The invoices will be paid once Bob is in receipt of the surveys.

Bob gave a brief outline of what took place several years back with the Kellogg property and the heirs requesting a land swap. Attorney Tower is reviewing the January 21, 2010 letter from Attorney Taft on horse trails and the Kellogg easement. The Commission plans to put in a hiking trail as allowed by the easement. Bob suggested that the Monadnock Conservancy hold the easement. He will contact the Conservancy and discuss holding of the Kellogg, Rhoads and Currier easements.

The agricultural lease for the Johnson property has not yet been signed by Matt LeClair and returned. Bob will follow-up.

Bob suggested partnering with other agencies for land protection. He also will contact the Monadnock Conservancy about holding a workshop with five or six other towns on putting land into easement and the financial benefits of doing so.

Open Space: Bob will contact Freddi to determine if she wants to remain on the Commission and will discuss with her if it is necessary to continue to have an open space committee.

Water Resources: Dixie will invite Ken Hickey to the next Conservation Commission meeting to discuss stream testing. She would like to start testing when the Souhegan

River Watershed group continues their testing. Members voted to reimburse Mr. Hickey for his time.

A dredge and fill application was filed by the Mascenic Regional School District for the new school. Bob has hired Rick Van de Poll to review the application. They will meet on March 18.

Matt volunteered to clean up the Nussdorfer Trail.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary