

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 11, 2009

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Freddi Kazo, Bill Watkinson, Jack Messe, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, David McTigue

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. at the Town Office.

The Commission met with Matt LeClair from the Barrett Hill Farm, regarding the Johnson property license agreement. Mr. LeClair went over the agreement indicating those items he had concerns with. Bob requested that Mr. LeClair indicate those concerns on the agreement and return it to him. He will then forward it to legal counsel for a final draft.

Bob noted that the Monadnock Conservancy is moving ahead with acquiring the conservation easement on the Rhoads property. Mr. LeClair now owns the lot where the easement is located.

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting. Freddi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Bob reported that he had discussed the 150 acre Rice property with NEFF. Bob made an offer of \$60,000 for the lot. NEFF wants the Commission to put up 25% of the purchase price. With regard to the smaller lot of 36 acres, Bill made a motion that Bob make an offer on the lot. If NEFF does not want to contribute to the purchase price, the Commission will go ahead with the purchase on their own. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Trails: Bob and Jack will flag the Kellogg trail. Bob will send the owner and caretaker of the property a letter when the date has been set.

Water Resources: The DES made a presentation to the Selectmen on their testing of Furnace Brook. They will return with a plan for sources of funding.

Tree Warden: The Tree Warden position is still vacant. Freddi will contact Pat Little to see if she has any interest.

Communications: Freddi prepared a Green Sheet on "Saving Money and the Environment: Air Drying Clothes". She asked that each member review it and forward any comments to her by next month's meeting.

Old Business: Bob received a call from someone from Wilton representing a group wanting to purchase Windblown from Al Jenks. He asked if the Commission could assist

in purchasing the property and deferring some of the costs involved. Bob responded that the Commission could not; if the property is purchased and the new owners want to pursue a conservation easement, the Commission could assist with that process.

New Business: Bill stated that he would like to put his land into a conservation easement. His lot is approximately 15 acres.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
Land Use Manager