

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 12,2008

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Harvey Green, Jack Messe, Friedericke Kazo, Betsy Thoms, Bill Watkinson, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna
ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Dan Daly

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

Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The February meeting was not held due to inclement weather.

Bob related the results of Tuesday's town vote. The article to add \$50,000 to the Land Conservation Capital Reserve fund did not pass.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Jack and David monitored the Currier easement. In the spring the Johnson trail will be flagged and signs installed. Also come spring the Nussdorfer Nature Area will be worked on by a Boy Scout. Jack would like to have the kiosk moved and the parking area expanded.

In the spring the Commission will walk the Kellogg property and flag a trail.

Bob will meet with the Board on Selectmen on the contract to be signed with the Barrett Farm.

A letter has been received from Northstone Builders stating the boundaries of the right-of-way have been marked.

Open Space: Freddi e-mailed a draft of a flyer to be sent to landowners on land protection. Bob suggested a statement be included that there may be financial aid available from the town. Freddi asked that any changes, additions, etc. be sent to her so she can work on a final draft.

Lands: Members discussed the maple sugar tapping of trees on the Johnson property. Reference was made to the deed which states that "...the within described premises shall henceforth never be subdivided, developed or uses for any commercial, industrial or residential purpose;..." Issues raised by members included setting of a precedent of commercial enterprise on town land, obstructions for wildlife, monitoring, etc. Town counsel also advised that allowing the tapping would create a "slippery slope" and he also questioned the legality of doing so. Harvey made a motion that the Conservation Commission not allow maple sugar tapping on any land that the Commission manages. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

An invoice from Rick Van de Poll for \$487.50 was received for his work on the Jim Traffie application. Harvey made a motion to pay the invoices. Freddi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary