

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 9, 2007

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

ABSENT: Betsy Thoms, David Lage

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

Committee Reports:

Trails: Once the timber cutting is done on the Kellogg property, the Trails Committee will lay out a trail. Jack will contact the Boy Scouts for assistance.

The Nussdorfer bog walk is in disrepair and members decided to remove it and use the materials to rebuild the bridge.

Peterborough Marble and Granite has completed the plaque for the Geoffer's Trail and are working on the base. Bob will contact Dixie to determine where to put it.

Lands: The Rhoads property needs to be monitored and the trail remarked.

The Board of Assessors will be given the two surveys of the Nussdorfer Nature Area for separation of the 4 acre lot. Once that is done, the two can be merged together.

Communications: Bob has put "The Legacy of Cheshire Place" on the web site.

Water Resources: There are two wetland permits for William Rzepa and the Town to be reviewed by the Water Resources Committee.

The signs for identifying the Souhegan River have arrived. Three sets were received rather than two and one set will be sold to Amherst. Doug will contact the NHDOT for placement of the signs at Highbridge.

Trees were cut on River Road along Waterloon Pond by the Highway Department without any consultation with the Tree Warden. A town policy regarding the maintenance and cutting of town trees needs to be developed. On May 1, the Board of Selectmen passed a motion stating that prior to any trees being cut in the right-of-way, the town should contact the Tree Warden or the Conservation Commission to have them review trees and give an opinion on the necessity of the cut. Members agreed signs should be posted to identify scenic roads. Bob will contact Voss Signs.

Old Business: The minutes of the April 11 meeting were reviewed and a correction made under Lands, 2nd sentence should read "...according to deed searches..." Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business: At 8:00 p.m. Chad Branen from Meridian Land Services and Kenyon Salo from N.I. Harmony Hills addressed the Commission. Mr. Branen explained that his client is proposing the consolidation of lots 11/90, 11/91 and 15B/34 and then the subdivision of that lot into seven lots as follows: lot 1 will be 22.7 acres with an existing house and outbuildings; lot 2 will be 17 acres with an age restricted affordable housing unit for 55 and over; lots 3 through 6 will be single family lots that will be sold; lot 7 will be 221 acres that will be kept as conservation land. The deeds for all the lots will have a covenant that prevents further subdivision.

The applicant appeared before the Zoning Board on May 3 and received approval for a special exception for a multi family building and for a variance for a wetlands crossing on lot 6. The variance approval was conditional upon approval by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Branen noted that he will be meeting with Richard Ober at the Monadnock Conservancy to discuss the 221 acre parcel of conservation land.

Bob stated that when the wetlands permit is filed and received by the Commission, the site will be inspected and a recommendation made. Chad asked to be on the agenda for the June meeting.

Open Space: Freddi noted that her committee is working on changes to the cluster regulations. She asked for \$200.00 to purchase materials to help with the process. David made a motion to approve the \$200.00. Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business: Leif Traffie, Northstone Builders, LLC, submitted a letter to the Commission requesting that a right-of-way to the Johnson property on lot 13/55 on Ashby Road be relocated. The way the right-of-way is presently located makes it difficult to locate a house on the lot. Mr. Traffie's recommendation was to move the right-of-way along the boundary line of the adjoining properties. There are no setback requirements for a trail. The Board of Selectmen as well as the town need to approve any change.

Bob made a motion that the Commission would approve the relocation of the trail with a 20 foot setback from the boundary line and a 20 foot setback from the house. Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob will meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the relocation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

