

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 14, 2008

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Bill Watkinson, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Dan Daly, Doug Waitt, David Keurulainen, Freddi Kazo, Betsy Thoms

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

The minutes of the April 9, 2008 were reviewed and the following correction made: add Jack Messe to those absent. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob announced that Harvey had resigned from the Commission.

Committee Reports:

Trails: The Johnson property trail needs to be flagged. The relocation of the right-of-way on lot 13/55 needs to be clearly marked. Signage needs to be located to indicate the conservation land and that there is no timber cutting allowed. Bob, Jack and David will walk the trail on May 27, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Jack will be contacting Boy Scout John McInerney regarding his project. Bob asked that once John determines what he will do that he comes to a meeting with his plans.

The Rhoads easement needs to be monitored. Bob will contact the Monadnock Conservancy to determine if the new easement is on hold. If so, plans will be made to monitor the existing easement. Another Boy Scout project would be to blaze and clean up the existing trail on the Rhoads' property.

The Whirpool Trail needs work including the easement across the Schaefer-Meiszner property.

Lands: The Currier easement is to be monitored in the fall by Jack and David. Doug and Harvey did the Kellogg property. Since Harvey has resigned, someone else will need to help with it.

Bob and Jack will walk the Kellogg property with the caretaker and decide where the trail will go. Permanent markers will be put in to mark the trail.

Bob received an inquiry about land protection. The landowner had been told it would cost between \$15-20,000. Bob informed him that amount was wrong and that he would contact the Monadnock Conservancy to be sure. He suggested using current use money to help the landowner put his land into protection.

Members reviewed a Farm License Agreement for Matt Leclair and the managing of the Johnson property. The agreement does not require town approval and runs in perpetuity until one of the parties terminates it. Joanne will send a copy of the agreement to Mr. Leclair. When he is ready, a meeting with the Selectmen will be set up for the signing of the agreement.

Water Resources: Joanne was asked to send a letter to Jim Traffie regarding his wetlands application stating that a third party wetlands scientist will be asked to review the site plan at the expense of the applicant.

New Business:

Bob spoke on the importance of all members attending all meetings. For projects to be followed through and completed, and the Commission to be successful, members need to be in attendance at the once-a-month meeting. New members are also needed.

Bob asked Joanne to find out who was dumping gravel at dam site #35.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary