

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 8, 2011

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, Doug Waite, David McTigue, Jack Messe, Matt Oliveira, Joanne Meshna

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

Members met with Brenna Pasieka, the winner of the student NICC logo contest. Brenna is free to work on the logo over the summer. She has a computer and Photo Shop available to her. Doug will be the contact person for her.

Matt made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Jack and Ed Rogers will schedule a time to walk the Kellogg property probably in late July. The Bon property located on Whittemore Hill Road may be given to the Town and a trail would be built on it. A parking area and kiosk would be needed. The Kellogg trail also needs a trail head and parking area. The Bon and Kellogg trails could be connected.

Lands: Bob reported that people are camping at Dam Site 35. A sign is needed stating "No Camping". Jack gave Joanne a catalog with signs and she will order two for the site.

Communications: Matt e-mailed the draft of the brochure. Members were asked to forward any comments to him.

Water Resources: A homeowner on Poor Farm Road has built a horse corral and the fence backs up to a wetland. Doug will send the owners a letter asking them to move the fence to allow for the 25 foot setback to wetlands.

Members discussed the need to have a strong stream and wetlands buffer ordinance and penalties for violating the ordinance. Dave agreed to work on it. He was advised to contact the Local Government Center for assistance.

Bob met with the Board of Assessors last evening regarding Intents to Cut for timber cutting and having all property owners complete an Intent regardless of the size of the cut. The Assessors are looking into the law.

Old Business:

Dixie will have something to present to the Commission at the next meeting on prime wetlands. Bob noted that there are bill at the State level to water down regulations on prime wetlands.

New Business:

The Town is not appealing the Superior Court decision in the Green Crow Corporation lawsuit.

Members discussed how the process of picking a logo for the Commission would proceed. David suggested that Bob give Brenna the information he had mailed to members on a logo. Also, it was suggested that the logo that Marilyn Stowe had designed be shared with Brenna. Bob will contact Marilyn and ask her to mentor Brenna.

Bob made a motion to reimburse Doug \$100.00 from the environmental grant. The money was paid to Brenna for winning the logo contest. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Members reviewed a letter sent to the Building Inspector from Frank Danisienka, 415 River Road, and copied to the Commission, in which he states that wetlands on a neighboring property may be covered in. Bob asked Joanne to relay to the Building Inspector that he would accompany him to the property if asked.

Bob will e-mail links to laws relative to the Conservation Commission to members.

Members discussed what kind of a job the Commission is doing. Overall, the grade was high.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary