

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 11, 2007

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Harvey Green, David Lage, Dan Daly, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Freddi Kazo, Bill Watksinson

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

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Bob stated that for the next meeting of the Conservation Commission he would like to see a progress report of where the committee is at on working on the cluster ordinance changes.

Trails: Jack has an Eagle Scout that would like to do a project in the fall. Work needs to be done at the Nussdorfer Nature Area to include design and building of a new kiosk, bridge work and repair or dismantling of the bog walk.

Bob walked the Rhoads property with Dixie. She will be putting 300 acres into conservation easement. At the same time, the Geoffer's Trail lot of 80 acres will be put under the protection of the Monadnock Conservancy.

A trail on the Kellogg property will be laid out once the timber cutting is completed.

Lands: The Rhoads property needs to be monitored. Jack and Bob will schedule to do it.

Bob met with the Board of Selectmen, Attorney Crocker and Ryan Owens from the Monadnock Conservancy to discuss commercial operations on the Potter Property. It was agreed that 1) the management plan that the town will have for the Potter Property will be included as part of the Potter Property's field notebook, 2) the conservation easement for the Potter Property will acknowledge the Potter Property's management plan and 3) although the Conservancy will not enforce the management plan restrictions, they agree to report any violations of the management plan to the Conservation Commission as part of the annual monitoring report.

For the next meeting Dan will research management plans that could be adapted for the town's conservation land.

Water Resources: The Zoning Board of Adjustment is hearing a variance application for James Traffie for crossing of wetlands. They will meet tomorrow evening.

The DES has sent Nathaniel Tuttle an enforcement order for wetland violations on his property located on Ashburnham Road. Mr. Tuttle will be meeting with the Planning Board next week for an exception to RSA 155-E.

There is a wetlands violation on the Perkio property located on Goen Road. Wetlands have been filled in. Mr. Perkio has been asked to discontinue the work. Bob will walk the property with him. When Doug returns, a wetlands complaint will be filed with the state.

In discussions with Chief Chamberlain and the Board of Selectmen, it was proposed to create a "request to cut tree" form. This would be a form that the Highway Department could use to inform the Tree Warden that there are trees that need to be cut. She would then be able to look at the trees and make her recommendation. Betsy will work on the form.

At the request of Northstone Builders, LLC, a public hearing was held to relocate an existing right-of-way on lot 13/55, Ashby Road. The 25 foot right-of-way will be located 20 feet from the boundary line and 20 feet from any structure. The relocation was approved and Northstone Builders will prepare a survey of the site and the right-of-way will be marked.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary