

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 11, 2012

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, Jack Messe, David McTigue,
Matthew Oliveira, Joanne Meshna
ABSENT: Doug Waitt

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

Dixie made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: George May from Souhegan River Watershed has asked for a list of trails in New Ipswich along the river. The only trail is the Furnace Brook Trail. Doug and Matt will walk the trail with the new Garmin GPS and provide the information to Mr. May.

Lands: The Board of Assessors has denied the request from the Commission to do an abatement of the back taxes owed on the Williston property. Bob listed the costs to obtain the property - \$8000 for the property, \$7100 in back taxes and approximately \$6000 for the survey, attorney fees and a toxic waste study. Mr. Williston would like to remove the internal stone walls. Bob provided pictures of the property and members discussed the clean-up that will need to occur.

Members were in favor of allowing Mr. Williston to remove the stone walls but within a certain time frame. Bob will meet with the Director of Public Works to try and determine the cost of the clean-up. He will propose to Mr. Williston that either the Town cleans up the property and the cost of doing so is subtracted from the purchase price, or Mr. Williston can clean up the property.

Communications: Bob gave a brief tutorial on the new GPS.

New Business: Bob referred to the June 13 meeting of the Board when members visited properties managed by the Commission. Signs are needed at most sites. Members were asked to try and come up with a company that could provide pressure treated signs with painted recessed letters.

Dixie has several trees on her property that she would like to remove. Since she is on a scenic road, a public hearing will be scheduled at the next Conservation Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

