

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2007

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dan Daly, David McTigue (M.), Freddi Kazo, David Lage (L.), Betsy Thoms, Joanne Meshna
ABSENT: Harvey Green, Doug Waitt, Bill Watkinson

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Town Office. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 meeting. David M. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: The Committee has purchased Randall Arendt's materials (CD, video, etc.) for \$200.00. A project property has been chosen and Ed Rogers will be working with the Committee in applying regulations and preserving open space while offering the developer a bonus to do so. Freddi will have a full report for the next meeting.

Trails: Volunteers are needed for work on the Johnson property trail. The trail may connect with the trail proposed on the Kellogg property and end on Ashby Road.

Lands: The Rhoads' property needs to be monitored. Bob noted that the Monadnock Conservancy may take over the easement.

Dan is working on a land management plan. He referred to primary and secondary uses, primary being those that are general to conservation land and secondary being those that are particular to each individual easement. He will research the deeds and easements for each property to determine any restricted uses.

Members discussed commercial use of conservation land. Matt LeClair has been working the Johnson property according to a ten year plan he had approved by the Commission. He is now looking to renew that contract. With regard to the individual who requested permission to tap trees on conservation land, it was recommended that he be asked to present a plan to the Commission in order that they may evaluate the proposal and determine its impact on the natural resources of the land.

Water Resources: Rick Van de Poll has reviewed the wetlands amendment approved in March and determined it to be weak and offered to work with the Commission to amend it for the March warrant. He will be walking the Traffie property on August 16 and providing testimony to the Zoning Board that evening at the Traffie hearing.

Bob identified a wetlands violation on the Perkio property on Goen Road that needs to be permitted by the state. There was also another violation on Oak Hill Road that Doug will take pictures of and submit a complaint to the state.

Tree Warden: Betsy prepared a “request to cut form” and left it at the Police Department for the Chief’s comments. She will follow-up on it.

Old Business:

The signs for the Souhegan River came to a total of \$402.00. The Commission on January 10 approved \$176.00. Dan made a motion to expend \$226.00 more for the signs. David M. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Coming Events:

October 13 – fall foliage hike at Hampshire Country School sponsored by the New Ipswich and Temple Conservation Commissions and the Northeast Wilderness Trust.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary