CONSERVATION COMMISSION AUGUST 10, 2011

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, Matthew Oliveira, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Jack Messe, David McTigue

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Joanne was appointed as a regular member for this evening's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Trails: The Whirlpool Trail needs clean up and signage. Jack to schedule.

Lands: The Bon property on the corner of Whittemore and Ashby Roads has been taken over by the Monadnock Conservancy.

Bob will install the "no camping" signs.

Communications: For information on wind turbines Bob has set up a web site with articles. Go to www.newipswichcc.org/wind.

Matt distributed a chart for the brochure on lands managed by the Commission and members made suggestions/corrections. For those properties where hunting is allowed, Bob suggested that signs be posted that say "hunting allowed" so any hikers are aware there may be hunters.

Water Resources: The Board reviewed and made slight changes to Doug's letter to the owners of the pasture near Fox Brook on Poor Farm Road.

Old Business: Dixie and Bob will meet on Monday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. on prime wetlands.

New Business: Joanne distributed copies of the handbook. Bob added that the handbook will be on line within the next three months.

Bob has not heard back from the Board of Assessors on Intents to Cut. Instead of everyone being required to file an Intent to Cut, it was agreed that only those that cut within the wetlands buffer area should be required to file.

The September meeting is cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Meshna, Secretary