

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2011

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

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

There was no meeting held in January. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Bob informed the Commission that the owners of a lot located at the corner of Whittemore Hill Road and Ashby Road are putting a conservation easement on it. The Monadnock Conservancy may take the easement on the property.

Lands: The purchase and sales agreement for the Rice-Tuttle lot has been signed and the deeds are now being researched. Twenty-five thousand dollars has been paid from the current use fund, \$45,000 will come from the grant and the remaining \$20,000 from the current use fund.

There has been no response to the RFP for signage on conservation lands.

On Thursday Bob attended a meeting of the Friends of the Wapack. Part of the Wapack Trail runs through the Rice-Tuttle lot. The Friends of the Wapack provide funds to the owner of lots that the Trail runs through for protection of the Trail.

Blazing of the Rice-Tuttle property will need to be done. Bob made a motion to have Dennis McKenney blaze the trees on the Rice-Tuttle lot. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business: Dixie was given a base map of New Ipswich prepared by Southwest Region Planning Commission depicting conservation land and wetlands. She will be looking for wetlands that could be designated prime wetlands.

New Business: Bob suggested doing a mailer in response to the petition article on current use funds. All members were in agreement. The cost for the mailing will be raised by friends of the Conservation Commission and town funds will not be used. Bob will prepare a draft of the letter and e-mail it to members for comments and suggestions. He will also contact Monadnock Mailing. Bob will also prepare a letter to the editor using part of the text from the mailer.

Bob made a motion to reimburse Attorney Thomas Hanna \$775.00 for services rendered. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary