

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2008

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Freddi Kazo, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Bill Watkinson, Betsy Thoms

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

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Freddi asked David Lage if he would like to be an alternate member on the Commission. He declined. Freddi reported that the letter to landowners regarding conservation easements has been sent out and will be followed up with telephone calls by her and Bob.

Trails: Jack will contact the local Boy Scout Master regarding projects. Jack will prepare a written plan of projects that could be done by the Scouts.

Lands: The Nussdorfer Nature Area is made up of the Bronson Potter property and the Kenney easement. The Potter property was used for matching funds for a federal grant for the recreation field. Before an easement can be put on the Potter property, the federal government must approve or disapprove it. The project is on hold until this can be resolved. Bob will be working on it.

Water Resources: A handout from the NH Association of Conservation Commission on SB 381 was distributed. The bill authorizes towns to contribute conservation funds to projects sponsored by private conservation groups without having to hold a legal interest in the property. The bill also allows towns to purchase property outside of the town boundaries. There are two warrant articles that would address these changes and would need to be approved by the town.

Communications: The Green Sheet on stone walls will be distributed.

Water Resources: A meeting was held on September 29 with the Furnace Brook monitoring team and DES. Pollutants were found in the brook and the team is trying to pinpoint the location of contamination and clean up the brook. Mr. Hickey with the Furnace Brook monitoring team noted that \$2,100 would be needed for future monitoring. Bob will add this amount to the Conservation Commission's 2009 budget for water testing. Volunteers are needed to assist with the testing.

Tree Warden: Jonathan Sawyer will come to the November meeting.

Old Business: Doug is working on a project for the Environmental Trust Application Grant.

Nominating Committee: The Committee recommended the following: appoint Joanne as an alternate member for a three year term; appoint Joanne as secretary; appoint Bill Watkinson as a full member for a three year term; appoint Jack as Vice Chairman; appoint Bob as Chairman.

Bob made a motion to appoint Joanne for a three year term. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Freddi made a motion to appoint Joanne secretary. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to appoint Bill as a full member for a three term. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to appoint Jack as Vice Chairman. Freddi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. David made a motion to appoint Bob as Chairman. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the need for new members. Bob will try and get an article in the local paper.

New Business: Joanne distributed copies of a letter from DES regarding changes to the DES Subsurface Rules and the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act as well as a flyer from DES on the Shoreland Protection Act.

The annual meeting of the NHACC will be held on November 1, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
Land Use Manager