

CONSERVATION COMMISISON MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Jack Messe, Joanne Meshna
ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Dixie Rhoads, Bill Watkinson, Freddi Kazo
PUBLIC: Matt Oliveira

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

The minutes of the September 8, 2010 were reviewed and the following correction made: page 2, second to last paragraph, last sentence should read "Bob did not sign the application. The application is then not eligible for expedited processing and will be reviewed as a standard application." Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. John Ruotsala was present to discuss a driveway he plans to construct on his lot 8/50-2 located on Asbhy Road. The driveway crosses a wetland and a dredge and fill application will be filed. Mr. Ruotsala had a plan drawn up by Carl Hagstrom and the State has seen the plan and "loved it". He plans to log the lot and build a house in approximately 5 years. A driveway permit from the State has been approved. Bob noted he had walked the property and there is a lot of wetlands on the lot. He questioned if there was enough area to site a house and Mr. Ruotsala responded there was along the western part of the lot. Bob noted that the Commission's concern would be the siltation that could wash off the driveway into the stream. Suggestion was made to build the area of the driveway over the wetlands with stone, and tar that area or build it with gravel with the slopes being as level as possible and a vegetative buffer installed.

Joanne distributed copies of the Nominating Committee's recommendations. Since there was not a quorum to vote on some of the recommendations, Dixie was contacted by phone and Joanne was appointed as a regular member. The following were voted on and approved:

Re-appoint Doug Waitt, Jack Messe and David McTigue as members for three year terms; appoint Matt Oliveira as a member for a three year term; appoint Friedericke Kazo as an alternate member for a three year term. Appoint Bob Boynton as Chairman, David McTigue as Vice Chairman and Joanne Meshna as Secretary for 2011.

Jack was appointed Chairman of the Trails Committee, Matt was appointed Chairman of the Communications Committee, Doug was appointed Chairman of the Water Resources Committee and Bob was appointed Chairman of the Lands Committee.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Jack and Matt will flag the Kellogg trail and mark it with a GPS. Bob suggested that Jack contact John Allen, the caretaker of the Kellogg property, and invite him along.

Lands: Bob will be filling out a grant application for \$45,000 to be used to purchase the Rice/Tuttle property. The total purchase price is \$90,000.

Members discussed signage for the conservation lands. It was suggested that the signs should state the name of the property, if it is town owned or an easement and the date it became protected. Doug will be asked to consider the following items and come up with a RFP with guidelines for the next meeting: what kind of wood will be used, will it be pressure treated, will it be natural or stained, do the posts come with it, what is the cost, what font and what style, do we install it or do they.

Water Resources: Members were asked to consider wetlands that could be designated as a prime wetland. Bob suggested having a study done next year.

New Business: Bob will be working on the 2011 budget.

Bob made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Monadnock Conservancy. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary