

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2008

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waitt, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: William Watkinson, Freddi Kazo, Betsy Thoms

Committee Reports:

Trails: Jack will meet with the Boy Scout Master for possible projects. Bob and Jack will come up with a priority list of 3-4 projects.

The Furnace Brook Trail easement has not been closed yet with the Monadnock Conservancy. The Commission should monitor and maintain the trail this year.

The Johnson Trail needs to be walked and marked.

Lands Committee: Green Crow Corporation, owners of approximately 425 acres of land on West Binney Hill Road, has been approached by a company called Blue Wave. They want to put windmills on the property. The property runs along the Wapack Trail. The windmills are approximately 160-200 feet tall. Members discussed the pros and cons of the project. It is not clear how many windmills would be installed. Houses could also be put on the land. Wind is a good alternative energy source. Bob will speak with Bob King affiliated with Wapack Wilderness.

Communications: The web site is down and Bob is thinking of discontinuing it. He will decide by next meeting.

Water Resources: There is nothing to report on the Jim Traffie project. The Roger Hall application with the Zoning Board was continued until January 8, 2009.

The Furnace Brook monitoring group informed Bob that monitoring should continue for another year. The cost would be approximately \$2,400. Bob added the amount to the 2009 Conservation Commission budget and it was approved by the Finance Advisory Committee.

Tree Warden: Jonathan Sawyer attended the meeting to discuss the position of Tree Warden. Betsy no longer wants the position and Jonathan has indicated an interest in it. After discussion of the position, Jonathan stated he would let the Commission know by the next meeting whether or not he will accept it.

Old Business: Doug will work on a proposal on mapping of the watersheds for the Environmental Trust Application Grant.

Doug informed the Commission that Al Jenks is still negotiating with the Monadnock Conservancy on his project.

New Business: Bob asked members their goals and objectives for the next year. Doug stated he would like to continue to monitor potential wetland violations and get the watershed mapping completed. Jack would like to complete the Johnson Trail, work on the Whirlpool Trail and fix the kiosk, expand the parking lot and fix the sign at the Nussdorfer Nature Area. Joanne would like to work on recruitment of new members. David would like to assist with water testing and trail work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
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