

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waite, David McTigue, Bill Watkinson, Jack Messe, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Joanne distributed information on the Conservation Commission funds. As of the end of 2008, there was a total of \$127,388.29 in the accounts. There is also a capital reserve account with \$50,000 in it. Bob reported that he had met with representatives from NEF, the NE Wilderness Trust and the Chairman of the Rindge Conservation Commission to discuss the Rice property that is for sale. NEFF is interested in purchasing the 150 acre lot and would like the Conservation Commission to share in the purchase cost. NEFF will be making an offer on the property and may include the 36 acre parcel in the negotiations. Members agreed that the Commission should spend funds to assist in the purchase.

Bob spoke with Al Jenks who has decided to sell his property. Mr. Jenks is hopeful that someone will purchase the property and keep it in its present state.

Communications: Bob will be putting the videos of the Selectmen's meetings on the town web site. He suggested there might be a way the Commission could use the technology as well.

Water Resources: Doug will be working on the Environmental Trust grant for the June deadline. DES will be making a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on March 3, 2009 at 7:15 on their findings on recent testing of Furnace Brook. There are approximately 33 spots where problems were detected.

Old Business: Bob and Jack attended the Land Summit conference a few weeks back and found it informational.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
Land Use Manager