

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2008

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Freddi Kazo, Bill Watkinson, Joanne Meshna

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

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Freddi has followed up with phone calls to those landowners who were sent letters suggesting conservation easements and has had no response as of yet.

Bob has been informed of a 200 acre parcel of land for sale for \$150,000. He will contact NE Wilderness Trust with the information. He was also told about another 36 acre parcel that abuts the Hampshire Country School that is for sale. Also, there is a parcel on River Road owned by someone from New York that Bob will contact by letter to see if they are interested in placing the land in easement.

Trails: Bob and Jack will walk the Johnson property trail on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Jack called three people in charge of New Hampshire scouting but no was has returned his calls. He needs to find out who the Scout Masters are and when meetings are held. Freddi suggested he contact Stephen Rothwell.

Communications: Freddi distributed copies of "The Green Sheet – Stone Walls, Part II" for member comment and input. She has been researching the regulations on stone walls. She referred to a book by Robert Thorson "Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England Stone Walls".

In order to have the agenda to members before the meeting, it will be e-mailed on the preceding Monday.

Bob reported that quite a few people use the Conservation Commission web site and he will keep it up.

Old Business: Dixie Rhoads dropped off applications for the Environmental Trust grant program. The deadline is June 1, 2009.

Richard Aho has been sent a Notice of Violation by the DES for having untreated stormwater entering a catch basin/culvert resulting in the siltation of a stream on his property located on Goen Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Matti Perkio was sent a letter from DES stating that they must completely remove approximately 120 cubic yards of fill that was placed on top of an existing historic fill and place the piles of ill outside of wetlands jurisdiction and they must submit

dated photographic documentation showing compliance. Their property is located on Goen Road.

Bob reported on the Board of Selectmen meeting with Blue Wave. Blue Wave is proposing the installation of a Met tower which will measure wind capacity for later installation of windmills. They propose installing the tower on the Green Crow Corporation property located on West Binney Hill Road. Blue Wave has submitted applications to the Zoning Board which will be heard on January 8. Members discussed the pros and cons of windmills and the need to assist the other Boards as they go forward with the applications. Suggestion was made to send a letter to the Planning Board and Zoning Board on the need to be careful where windmills are sited because of birds and wildlife, visual aspects, shadow flicker, noise and roads. Bob noted he had recommended to Wendy Freeman, Chairman of the Zoning Board, that she review the maps in the NRI and Open Space Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
Land Use Manager