

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2007

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waite, David Lage (L), Freddi Kazo, Dan Daly, David McTigue (M), Joanne Meshna
ABSENT: Jack Messe, Betsy Thoms, Harvey Green

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

David M. made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Freddi prepared a flyer to be mailed to landowners discussing placing of land into conservation easements. She will prepare a final draft the January meeting and hopes to mail it out in February prior to the Town Meeting. Suggestion was made to mail this one and reference the web page for future mailings.

Lands: Dan has been working on obtaining a boiler plate conservation lands management plan. He will obtain copies of one from Rindge and Swanzy that may be used as a model. Bob suggested that SPNEF might also have a management plan.

Water Resources: With regard to Jim Traffie's wetlands application, Bob noted that Mr. Traffie's wetlands scientist and Rick Van de Poll disagreed on the wetland boundaries. Rick has written up his findings and his letter has been forwarded to the Wetlands Bureau. Joanne added that Mr. Traffie is scheduled to return to the Zoning Board on January 3. Doug made a motion to pay Rick Van de Poll \$618.75 for services rendered. Freddi seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Doug is working on an amendment to the cluster regulations. Discussions need to be held with the Planning Board to determine what changes they would like to see. Doug will prepare a draft by the next meeting.

New Business: The Selectmen met with potential developers of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center to be located on the former SKAT property. Bob inquired if setting aside open space had been discussed and David L. responded that it had.

Coming Events: January 20, 2008, snowshoe outing at the Nussdorfer Nature Area. Departs from the Newest Mall at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

