

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2013

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, David McTigue, Mike Conlin, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Doug Waite, Jack Messe, Matt Oliveira

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

Dixie made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting. Bob seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Matt prepared a letter to be sent to Mr. Kellogg regarding the trail on his property. Bob will sign it and it will be sent out.

Lands: The Williston property is now ours. Bob noted that David Hooker has cleaned up the site. However, there is still small stuff that needs to be disposed of and a work day or hiring someone to do the job was discussed.

Bob has approval from the State to put up two signs on Turnpike Road for the Nussdorfer Nature Area. He will ask for the approval in writing. Mike will ask the Highway Department to assist with putting up the posts for the signs. David will work on the signs.

Bob has been in contact with Mary Bon regarding her property on Whittemore Hill Road. The lot is 48 acres. Northeast Wilderness Trust and the Monadnock Conservancy have been working together to come up with an agreement to protect the property. The Trust charges \$19,000 and the Conservancy charges \$21,000. Ms. Bon spoke to Bob regarding donation of the property to the Town and the Northeast Wilderness Trust holding the easement. The Commission would pay the legal costs. There would be no hunting or commercial harvesting of timber on the land. Bob will contact the Northwest Wilderness Trust to see if they will hold the easement if the Town owns the property.

Old Business: Members discussed the logo designs prepared by Annie Card. Bob will meet with her again and ask if the logo could be more in keeping with that prepared by Brenna.

New Business: Joanne will prepare a list of current use owners that receive the recreational adjustment. Bob wants to review the properties to be sure they are in keeping with the requirements for that deduction.

Upcoming Events: Rick Van de Poll will be at the September meeting to discuss stream buffers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary