

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Blease, David McTigue, Jack Messe,

ABSENT: Matt Oliveira, Joanne Meshna

PUBLIC: Kleta Dudley (SOLAR Representative)

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

Committee Reports:

Communications: Bob couldn't open the logo file sent by Brenna. Dixie will contact her and have her resend it.

Bob distributed a draft of a letter he prepared to be sent out to all homeowners regarding the current use warrant article. He was advised by legal counsel that monies for the mailing should not come from conservation funds. The letter will be prepared by a company in Keene and will be an 8.5"x11" postcard tri-folded. The letter will have to be shortened to allow for the address and stamp and should be mailed a week before Town meeting. Bob will send out another draft for members to review.

Water Resources: Bob noted there is a house located on Greenville Road with ponies and a fence that runs up close to a stream. The property also slopes down to the stream. There are no zoning regulations for animals. Since a fence is a structure it needs to be located 20 feet from the stream. Bob suggested a warrant article be prepared to address prevent location of animals too close to wetlands. No action taken at this time.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline: The Planning Board received a letter from AECOM on behalf of Tennessee Gas Pipeline requesting information on aquifers, wetlands, etc. and forwarded it to the Conservation Commission. Bob noted that towns such as Milford, Mason and Brookline also received the request and have referred it to their planning commission. Members discussed having a wetland scientist or hydrologist do a NRI on the impact area of the pipeline. It is expected the cost would be around \$5,000. Monies could come from conservation funds. The aquifers that will be affected are in Sharon and Temple. Bob suggested contacting those towns to see if they would be willing to share in the cost to fund the NRI. Bob will first contact the Department of Environmental Services hydrology department to see what information they have that they could send to the Commission.

Monitoring of property: Monitoring of the Currier and Kellogg easements has not been done in the last few years. The goal this year is to reinstate the monitoring.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary

