

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2014

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Matt Oliveira, David McTigue, Dixie Rhoads, Jack Messe, Michael Conlin, Joanne Meshna, Kleta Dudley (SOLAC representative)

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Lands:** Placement of a sign for the Nussdorfer Nature Area on Mike's property was discussed. Bob will visit the site to determine a location.

**Trails:** Bob noted there should be a plan in place for the Kellogg trail so it can be executed come spring. Mr. Kellogg will need to grant a right-of-way easement to the Commission to pass over his property.

**Water Resources:** Matt attended a presentation by the DES on water testing. Once they collect information from towns on water test sites, they will put it up on their site and it will be available to the public.

David continues to work on the amendment on the stream buffer ordinance.

**New Business:** Dixie read an e-mail she had received from George May discussing grants available for water projects. She will contact him regarding funds available for Furnace Brook and will contact Public Works Director Peter Goewey regarding projects that need to be done.

The search is still on for a wetland that can be designated a prime wetland. Dixie and Bob were interested in a wetland on Huse Road but attempts to contact the owner of the land have failed.

A discussion was held with Mike as to whom the Conservation Commission should use for an attorney. Mike noted that the Selectmen retain an attorney at Upton and Hatfield. Should the Commission want to contact them, they should first let Roberta know. If the Commission is comfortable with the attorney they now retain, they can stay with him.

Kleta announced that Corey Ritz from New Ipswich will be attending the next SOLAC meeting and is interested in serving as a New Ipswich representative. Kleta also asked the Commission if they would be willing to donate to the Souhegan River Watershed Association. Bob made a motion to donate \$100.00. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

An invitation to join the NH Natural Association of Natural Resources Scientists was discussed. Bob will research the organization and report at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** David has made several signs that are ready to be installed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary