

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 11, 2014

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Matthew Oliveira, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Dixie Rhoads

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

The minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed and the following correction made: page 1, under Lands, last sentence should read "Bob called the NH DOT to find out..." Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Members walked the Kellogg trail on June 4 and a copy of the property depicting the trail was distributed. There were problems with the layout. Matt will walk the trail again this time along the stone walls. The trail has to be laid out with minimum maintenance required in the future and parking spaces need to be designated.

Lands: The DOT will not allow the Commission to put a sign in the right-of-way for the Nussdorfer Nature Area. Bob had spoken earlier with Representative Coffey and he was going to check into it. He will now call Representative Parison for his assistance. Jack suggested a sign indicating the Nussdorfer Nature Area be attached to the Old Country Road street sign.

Emily Hague from Monadnock Conservancy, Bob and Selectman Doyle visited the Nussdorfer Nature Area to inspect the violation on the property by an abutter. Fill has been deposited along the stone wall boundary. Emily will send a letter to the abutter. A site visit was also conducted on the Johnson property where an abutter has dumped leaves and brush behind the stone wall boundary. That abutter will also be sent a letter by Emily.

Signs posted on the Kellogg property stating that dogs will be shot were discussed. Bob will call Stan Kellogg Jr. to let him know there is progress being made on the trail and mentioning that the signs are a public relations issue and send the wrong message, and asking if they can be removed.

Bob received a letter from John Allen which he read to the Commission. The letter had to do with posting of the property.

Communications: Bob noted that the website now includes unfragmented space.

New Business: Bob received a call from Ed Dekker, Chairman of the Planning Board, regarding the Bruce White gravel pit on Turnpike Road. An abutter has complained that they are starting work before the

allowed time, they are excavating too close to the wetlands and there is erosion and siltation occurring. Bob noted that in 2012 a new law was passed removing the 100 foot setback to prime wetlands. The only setback is the 50 foot setback from wetlands that the Town has in place. The Planning Board will be doing a site visit and Joanne will notify Commission members when that will take place.

Matt was contacted by Susan Shorrock, Settlement Hill Road, questioning why a property across the street that could not be built on a few years back because of wetlands could now be built on. A septic system is being installed. Bob will do a drive by. No action was taken by the Commission.

David suggested a wetland at the intersection of Willard Road and Ashby Road or one located at the intersection of Ashburnham, Ashy and River Roads as potential prime wetlands for protection. He will check the web site for their size.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary