CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 12, 2014

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

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

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Members discussed a letter sent to the Selectmen from Emily Hague at the Monadnock Conservancy regarding a stewardship problem on the Nussdorfer Nature Area. Joanne will send a letter to the Selectmen offering the Commission's assistance with resolving the issue.

Come spring, the Kellogg trail will be laid out with the GPS and sent to Mr. Kellogg for his approval. Also, an easement to cross over his property will need to be obtained.

Members discussed setting up way points on the trails. Bob, Matt and Dave will do Geoffer's Trail.

Lands: Signage for the conservation land is on hold until the spring. How to put the signs up was discussed.

Communications: Bob explained how the mapping software he developed for the web site could be useful to other towns and how beneficial it would be to have towns all using the same software. Methods of distribution, cost, etc. were discussed. Bob put up nine layers for the town of Temple and he will follow-up to determine their interest.

Water Resources: David noted that Liz Freeman is away for the month. Once she is back he will contact her regarding the stream buffer ordinance.

New Business: Bob explained how the designation of prime wetlands is accomplished. He asked members to be thinking of a wetland that could be designated as a prime wetland.

Kleta noted that SOLAC reviewed plans for the bridge replacement on Turnpike Road and their suggestion was that a pull off or look out be built at the corner of Highbridge and Turnpike Roads. Bob responded that about three years ago the Town had made the same suggestion to the State and asked that SOLAC remind the State. The Town owns land at that site.

At 8:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary