

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 13, 2013

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

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Dixie Rhoads, Jack Messe

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

Bob Made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Bob spoke with Attorney Sistare regarding the Kellogg letter prepared by Matt. He agreed that the Commission had a right to lay out a trail and approved of the letter. Joanne will send out the letter to Mr. Kellogg.

Bob noted that a gate is needed for the Johnson property and for Dam Site 35. David made a motion that Bob be permitted to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase the two gates. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lands: The Willistons accepted the new language proposed by the Conservation Commission for the Purchase and Sales Agreement. It is expected that the property will close sometime in April.

Water Resources: David is working on the stream buffer ordinance. He questioned applying the ordinance to intermittent streams. It was agreed that primarily the ordinance would be for second and third order streams. Bob suggested getting more input from other members of the Commission.

Signage for the streams was discussed and questions such as where the signs would be placed, how placed and the cost need to be addressed.

David will purchase a stencil set for making signs. Signs are needed to identify conservation land.

New Business: A letter was received from Linda Charron, real estate agent for The Masiello Group. Her letter informs the Commission of real estate for sale at 36 Mill Street. Because of its proximity to the Souhegan River she suggests that the Commission might be interested in purchasing it.

Bob suggested it was time to do a new Natural Resource Inventory. The last one was done in 2003. It is expected that it will cost approximately \$25,000. Bob will get quotes to do the project.

Bob reminded members that the Conservation Commission is a proactive group unlike some of the other Boards in Town and that the success of the Commission is attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary