

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 8, 2013

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Matt Oliveira, Mike Conlin

ABSENT: Doug Waitt

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Krook, Craig Keating

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

Mr. Krook was present to discuss the ball field at dam site 35. He stated that in 2004 the Selectmen granted the New Ipswich Little League to create a ball field at dam site 35. In 2008 work continued; the Fire Department did a burn of scrub trees, etc. In 2011-12 the work continued. The back stop from the park was moved to dam site 35. This year 48 yards of chalk sand were brought in to finish the infield. The State investigated the construction and determined that it was not permitted within the flowage easement. The Selectmen stopped all construction. The fill has been removed. Department of Environmental Services land agent, Mark Stevens, inspected the site today.

Mr. Krook questioned if the Commission was aware of any other lands that could be used for the ball fields. The Johnson property was mentioned but the easement would not permit it.

A letter from George Lawrence to James Gallagher regarding the ball field states that the ball field which consists of any structures and material erected on Souhegan Flood Control Site #35 will be removed this summer. Mr. Krook stated they would continue to play ball there until they heard further from the State.

Committee Reports:

Trails: A letter from Stanley Kellogg regarding the letter sent to him in March was received. Mr. Kellogg suggested that the Commission consider the "Blue Gates" property which has an area for parking across from the Alzapedi house. If the Alzapedis would allow an access through their property, the south and western woodlot on the Kellogg property could be used for a trail. Mr. Kellogg did not want the trail to be in the fields. Bob will write a letter to the Alzapedis with the proposal.

The brochure needs to be finished and include the Williams trail and the Kellogg trail.

Lands: The purchase and sales agreement has been signed by the Selectmen and Mr. Williston. An environmental impact study will be done by Richard Pendelton and a survey done by Ed Rogers.

Water Resources: Mike reported that he had talked to Peter Goewey regarding signage for rivers and streams. Anything can be put on the signs on town roads but on the State roads, permission would have

to be granted by the DOT. Peter will submit a design and cost for gates at Dam Site 35 and the Johnson property.

Water Resources: David will send a draft of what he has prepared on the stream buffer ordinance to members.

Old Business: David has received the templates for the signs. The router is back ordered.

Dixie reported that the Souhegan River Watershed Commission begins water testing in a few weeks.

Bob has brought the logo design to a creative artist who will work with it and e-mail him a price.

New Business: Craig Keating attended the meeting. He is interested in getting involved in the Town.

Jack will not be able to make the June, July and August meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary