

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2013

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Michael Conlin, Dixie Rhoads, Matthew Oliveira, Joanne Meshna

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

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2013 meeting. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kleta Dudley, representative from New Ipswich on the Souhegan Local Advisory Committee (SOLAC), explained that the State of New Hampshire has a number of protected rivers all of which have advisory committees. The Souhegan River is one of the protected rivers. Three people from each town in the corridor that is next to the river are on the committee. Doug Waitt was on the SOLAC but has resigned and Kleta is the only member. The SOLAC is made up of Greenville, New Ipswich, Wilton, Merrimack, Milford and Amherst and meets in Milford on the third Thursday of each month (no meetings in the summer). The State provides permits for development to the committee for comment. Kleta asked that she be informed of any development in New Ipswich and she will let Bob know of any permits that apply to New Ipswich. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Kleta.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Bob met with a representative from the State DOT regarding the Nussdorfer Nature Area and had the right-of-way on Turnpike Road flagged. There is not a lot of room to put up a sign. Bob will contact the Director of Public Works to determine where the town's right-of-way on East Old Country Road is located. He will also talk to the State again.

Lands: The Board discussed the financial request from the Monadnock Conservancy to help protect the Bon property. The cost for the Conservancy on the Rhoads, Williston, Rice and Mansfield properties is \$30,000. The Board tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Mr. Kellogg has not responded to the letter that was sent to him regarding a trail on his property. Bob will send another letter to him with a date certain for his response.

New England Forestry Foundation abuts the Rice lot and they have indicated they would take an easement on the property which would provide access. Bob will contact them for a price, any restrictions and a sample agreement.

Water Resources: Bob demonstrated the river and stream crossings by using the data on the mapping data on the website. The major stream crossings can be determined and named. The cost per sign including the post needs to be determined. There are about 30 crossings. Mike will find out from the Director of Public Works who provides the street signs.

Old Business: Dixie will be working on the logo.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary