

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2011

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

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 February 9, 2011 meeting. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Doug informed the members that Ed Rogers volunteered to assist with the mapping of the trail on the Kellogg property.

Bob announced that the Board of Selectmen has the purchase and sales agreement to sign for the Rice-Tuttle lot.

Joanne will forward Doug's examples of signage for the conservation lands to Cindy Somero for her son Zeke.

Lands: Doug is working with the high school art teacher on a contest for art students to come up with a logo for the Conservation Commission. The teachers will whittle down the contestants in the first round. Bob requested that the Commission be involved also. Doug expects the project to be completed by the end of the school year.

Bob made a motion to expend \$45,000 from the Conservation Commission general fund for purchase of the Rice-Tuttle lot. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to expend \$20,000 from the Conservation Commission current use savings account for the purchase of the Rice-Tuttle lot. Matt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Bob made a motion to expend \$399.61 from the Conservation Commission current use savings account for closing fees for the Rice-Tuttle property. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Communications: Matt is working on updating the Conservation Commission brochure. The Rice-Tuttle and Mansfield Meadow lots need to be added. Bob suggested changing the name of the lots and asked members to think of appropriate names. In the spring Matt will walk the conservation lands and make recommendations to the Commission on allowed activities.

Old Business: The Nussdorfer bank account was set up when Ted Nussdorfer passed away in 1994 and people donated money to the Commission in Ted's name. Bob made a motion to close the account and use the money remaining, approximately \$305, for the mailing of the flyer. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business: Members discussed the results of the March 8 voting, in particular Article 18 which would have revenues collected from the land use change tax and any unappropriated surplus in the land use change tax fund put into the general fund. The petition article was defeated by a vote of 691 to 458. More outreach to the community on the activities of the Commission was suggested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary