

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 14, 2007

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David Lage, Freddi Kazo, Jack Messe, Harvey Green, Joanne Meshna

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

Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Members discussed the open space objectives and priorities for the next 12 months, 36 months and 60 months. The priorities for the next 12 months will include 1) amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, 2) selection of perspective landowners who might want to put their land in protection and 3) outreach and education. Joanne will provide the open space committee with a list of those property owners with 50 acres of land or more in current use. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. on adoption of the Open Space Plan. Freddi will contact RKG Associates to see if they will attend the meeting.

Trails: Bob will meet with Jonathan Nute and members of the Stan Kellogg family on Saturday, March 24 to walk their property for timbering purposes and also to site a trail.

The Johnson property trail needs flagging and cutting and also needs to be named.

Bob will obtain a quote for a plaque and obtain a boulder for the "Geoffer's Trail".

Lands: Jack and David McTigue monitored the Currier property and have submitted their report to Joanne. Dan needs to monitor the Rhoads property.

Communications: Bob reported that he has done a complete re-write of the web page.

Old Business:

All of the warrant articles submitted by the Conservation Commission were approved by the voters on March 13. This includes the article to designate part of Timbertop Road as a scenic road, establishment of a Land Conservation Capital Reserve Fund and appropriation of \$50,000 to the Land Conservation Capital Reserve Fund.

The easement amendment policy was discussed. Bob will make changes as suggested for the next meeting.

New Business:

Bob encouraged members to attend the New Ipswich conservation outings events. Also, he stressed the importance of members attending the deliberative session to support warrant articles submitted by the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary