

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 8, 2009

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Freddi Kazo, David McTigue, Bill Watkinson, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Jack Messe, Doug Waitt

PUBLIC: Dixie Rhoads

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

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Freddi reported that she had reviewed a list of uncollected taxes and from that list there may be some that would like to put their land into easement. One of the properties is owned by Newlinks Investment and the other is a parcel owned by Patricia Card off Main Street. She will get the assessed values for each property. Dixie suggested contacting Jenny Greenwood to see if she might be interested and Freddi will send her information.

Bob walked the Green Crow property along with a representative from Green Crow and NE Wilderness Trust. Green Crow may want to put their land in protection.

Bob made an offer of \$60,000 on the 150 acre parcel owned by Barbara Rice and the offer was not accepted. Bob will pursue it and report back at the next meeting.

Bob will make an offer of \$10,000 on the Tophet Swamp lot owned by Barbara Rice. NE Forestry Foundation is not interested in the property.

Bill noted that he still wants to put his land into a conservation easement. He also has a neighbor that would like to do the same. Bob will discuss with the Monadnock Conservancy.

Trails: No report.

Communications: All approved Freddi's Green Sheet on clothes drying. She will send Joanne a final copy for distribution.

Water Resources: Testing of Furnace Brook was discussed. Bob will ask Ken Hickey to attend the next meeting to explain how the testing should be done. Bob anticipates 2-3 rounds of testing with 30-40 tests along the stream. Dixie volunteered to head up the testing and will get volunteers to help.

Tree Warden: Pat Little declined the position. The position remains open.

Upcoming Events: June 14, 2009, hike the Green Crow property, sponsored by the New Ipswich Conservation Commission and the Harris Center. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Newest Mall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary