

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2008

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waitt, David McTigue, Freddi Kazo, Betsy Thoms, David Keurulainen, Joanne Meshna  
ABSENT: Dan Daly, Harvey Green, Bill Watkinson, Jack Messe

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

Kleta Dudley, a member, along with Doug, of the Souhegan Local Advisory Committee, discussed the Souhegan River Watershed Management Plan. They are looking for the Planning Board to adopt the Plan as part of the Master Plan and for the Commission to support the Plan. The Plan is 125 pages long and Bob noted that an abridged version for the Master Plan would be appropriate with reference back to the original Plan. He asked for a copy of the Plan and stated he would read it and provide input as to what is germane to New Ipswich and the Master Plan.

Kleta also informed the Commission of the salmon fry stocking of the Souhegan River and the need for volunteers. It will be held on Monday, April 14. Also, volunteers are needed for water testing during the first week of June to the middle of September.

**Committee Reports:**

**Open Space:** Freddi distributed a letter she will be sending out to landowners of parcels of land 50 acres or greater encouraging protection of land. She plans to mail the letter in May. Freddi also discussed the involvement of the Commission with the town as they undertake the building of a new elementary school and possibly the joint use of a piece of property.

**Communications:** Freddi is preparing a Green Sheet on stonewalls that will be ready in May.

**Water Resources:** Bob noted that he had received a call from Matti Perkio on his application. He asked Doug to follow through with Mr. Perkio. Jim Traffie's application will be considered by the Zoning Board on May 1. Bob and Doug stated they would like to hire a third party (wetlands scientist) to review the wetlands since there are two differing opinions. Joanne noted that Mr. Traffie had informed the Zoning Board that he had asked the State to do the review. Bob will write a letter to the Zoning Board indicating that if someone from the State does not review the site, that an independent wetlands scientist should be hired before the application is approved.

**Tree Warden:** Betsy reported that Earl Somero had David Lord remove a tree on his property on Temple Road. Betsy had been asked to look at it by Mr. Somero but by the time she did so it had been cut down. There is a \$1,000 bill which Mr. Somero will have to pay. Betsy gave permission to the PTA to cut down the tree at PTA Park because it was too big.

**New Business:** Amendments have been to the Shoreland Protection Act. Joanne was asked to distribute the changes to the Planning Board and Building Inspector.

**Coming Events:** April 19 – Kayak/canoe/swim Asheulot from Keene to Swanzey. Meet at Martel Court (next to Agway at intersection of Routes 12 and 101).

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary