

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 11, 2007

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Harvey Green, David McTigue (M.), Doug Waitt, Jack Messe, David Lage (L.) Joanne Meshna

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

Committee Reports:

Trails: Bob walked the Kellogg property with Stan Kellogg's daughter, Jonathan Nute and the Kellogg caretaker. They are planning a timber cut in late summer. Nothing will be done on locating a trail until after that time.

The Johnson property trail needs flagging and naming.

Bob received a quote from Peterborough Marble and Granite on the plaque (\$300.00), and a base to hold the plaque (\$800.00). This includes installation. Bob distributed the wording for the plaque and detail of the base. Members voted unanimously to purchase the plaque and base.

Lands: Bob met Tuesday night with the Board of Selectmen to go over the Potter easement. A survey of the property revealed a 4 acre parcel of land that should have transferred to the town but, according to deed searches, did not. Also, it was discovered that there is a well on the property with deeded well rights to someone named Bartlett. Bob will be working with the surveyor to iron on these issues. It is expected that the easement will be signed in June or July.

Ed Rogers met with the Commission to discuss the trail easement on the George and Joyce Standley property. At this time, the Commission will not be taking the easement. They need to do a toxic waste evaluation and also walk the site; this process could take six months to complete. Mr. Rogers stated that the Mr. Standley will reserve the trail by deed restriction. Doug noted that he had walked the site and felt it had significant potential as a trail and link to the dam site and the Rhoads property.

Communications: "The Legacy of Cheshire Place", a booklet prepared for the Hampshire Country School, will be put on the web site. Bob added that the redesign of the web site is about 80% completed.

Water Resources: Doug met with the Zoning Board last Thursday evening to go over the changes to the Zoning Ordinance on wetlands and the requirement of a variance for a wetlands crossing rather than a special exception. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Planning Board recommending an open house/meeting with engineers, surveyors, developers, etc. to explain the changes.

Old Business: Bob distributed draft copies of the easement amendment policy. Doug made a motion to adopt the easement amendment policy. Harvey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business: Bob reiterated the importance of members attending the budget hearing and deliberative session.

Coming Events: April 28, kayak/canoe trip on the Nissitissit. Departs from Brookline Fire Station at 9:00. May 26, kayak/canoe trip on the Black Water. Departs from intersection of Route 31 and 9 in Hillsborough.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary