

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 11, 2012

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waite, David McTigue, Jack Messe, Dixie Rhoads, Matt Oliveira, Joanne Meshna

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

Brenna attended the meeting and was presented with the final three choices for the logo. She will add NICC to the one without the lettering. She will also do both black and white and color for all three choices.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Matt and Jack are cleaning up the map with the Kellogg trail and will be sending it to Mr. Kellogg with copies to Attorney Taft, and the Town's legal counsel.

Lands: Bob will make Mr. Williston an offer regarding his property on Binney Hill Road. The offer will be contingent upon approval by the Board of Selectmen, the granting of an abatement for taxes owed by the Board of Assessors, and negative results of a toxic survey. Bob will make an appointment to meet with the Selectmen.

Communications: Matt is going through pictures for the brochure.

Tree Warden: Asplundh has been doing a lot of cutting of trees in town including town trees. Bob questioned what guidelines were used, who is in charge of the cutting and determines what should be cut, and if the Tree Warden is involved. Bob will make an appointment to meet with the Selectmen and talk to Becky.

Old Business: Bob read a letter from Zeke Somero in which he explained that he is unable to do further work on the signage as he will be starting high school in the fall.

New Business: The following members agreed to provide a brief outline of the following: Shoreland Protection Act – David, timber harvesting laws – Jack, Town wetland regulations – Dixie and state wetland regulations – Doug.

Doug was approached by Jim Traffie who requested that the Conservation Commission provide a letter in support of removal of the beavers on his property. Bob agreed to look at the dam on Mr. Traffie's property and write a letter that the Conservation Commission has no problem having Mr. Traffie remove the beaver according to state requirements.

Dixie is unable to head up water testing this year. The Board agreed to skip the testing this year. Bob will contact the state to find out what they do with the data that is provided by the Commission.

Matt is interested in making the transfer station more profitable. He was advised to meet with the Board of Selectmen. Doug offered to help him.

Upcoming Events: At the June 13 meeting members will visit Commission-managed land.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary