

## Minutes of May 10, 2006

Present: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Friedericke Kazo, Dan Daly, Harvey Green, Doug Waitt, David Lage, David McTigue  
Absent: Joanne Meshna

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

Rick Muehkle from the Nashua River Watershed Association was present to discuss a grant program from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The program is the New Hampshire Landowner Incentive Program and is for at risk wildlife and plants, their habitats and exemplary natural communities. Funds awarded from the grant can be used to assist landowners in putting their land into easement and the easement could be held by a third party. The limit per grant is \$100,000 and a non-federal match of 50% is required. Mr. Muehkle distributed information on the grant.

Bruce Simpson, President of USA Properties, Inc., was present to discuss their properties on Cedar Ridge Drive. The lots have frontage on Temple and Cedar Ridge Drive. The initial property of 49 acres was subdivided into 4 lots. Mr. Simpson stated that they would like to put the wetlands into a conservation easement held by the town. The Monadnock Conservancy did not like the fact that the easement would be made up of three different lots. Bob stated that members of the Commission should visit the site to determine natural resources, bounds, etc. Also, Bob noted that if the town spends any money on the easement, public access is a requirement. Suggestion was made to re-subdivide the parcel so as to create a separate lot containing the easement area. Mr. Simpson stated he would need to review with his company before going further.

### Committee Reports:

Trails: Jack presented the final trail map for the Williams' property. Members decided on the yellow color. Four hundred copies will be printed. Jack asked that a couple of evergreen shrubs be planted between the kiosk and the neighbor at the trailhead on Manley Road. Jack will contact John Little to see if he needs to Boy Scout project; the boardwalk at the Nussdorfer Nature Area needs repair.

Lands/Easements: Freddi informed the Commission that the open space plan would be presented to the Planning Board on June 21. She would like to begin a dialogue with large landowners explaining the open space plan, etc.

Mary Jane Grasty contacted Freddi and asked, as Chair of the Open Space Committee, that she draft a letter stating that the acquisition of the conservation easement on the Hampshire Country School property is endorsed by the open space plan and the Conservation Commission. Freddi gave Bob a draft of the letter for his review. Bob suggested that the Selectmen also send a letter in support.

Freddi will contact Marilyn regarding the boundary markers.

The Monadnock Conservancy has the surveys for the Bronson Potter property and the property has been toured. The next step will be toxic waste review and to research to determine there are no liens on the property. Should be completed by the end of summer.

Communications: Bob redid the web site.

Freddi displayed entries for the tree contest for the fourth grade and a winner was chosen.

Water Resources: Bob noted that there is an area at the Hutter subdivision on River Road with a lot of siltation and suggested Doug contact Hutter.

Freddi noted that there is a lot of trash being dumped by the bridge on River Road. Bob suggested the Commission install gates along the road. Also discussed was having Hutter put some boulders at that site. However, Bob noted that is personal property and he will find out who the owner is.

Doug and Bob went to the Selectmen's meeting last evening to discuss the wetlands behind the Village Mobile. The wetland setbacks are being compromised by vehicles being parked within the boundary lines and tires being stacked in the area, etc. The suggestion was made to the Selectmen to have a visible barrier such as shrubs indicating the wetlands. Doug will file a complaint with the state and the Selectmen agreed to sign the complaint.

Old Business: Doug noted that John Little was still interested in doing a Boy Scout project.

A public hearing for Green Crow Corporation was held on May 2. Bob stated at the hearing that if they put their land into easement, the town or a third party would most likely be interested in pursuing some type of protection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna

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