

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 12, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waite, David McTigue, Becky Doyle, Jack Messe, Bill Watkinson, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Dixie Rhoads, Freddi Kazo

PUBLIC: Matt Oliveira

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

Committee Reports:

Trails: Jack and Doug walked the Kellogg property to establish where a trail would go. Mr. Kellogg's attorney has asked that the proposed trail be located on a map for their review and approval. Doug and Jack will map out the trail with a GPS and it will be put on the website.

Bob will contact Tom Brumaghim and ask him to contact Jack regarding clean up of the Nussdorfer Trail.

Water Resources: The Mascenic School District received \$20,000 for mitigation of wetlands involved with the new school project. The Selectmen decided to spend the money on the Furnace Brook project. Bob stated that the representatives from the School District should have met with the Conservation Commission to get their input. The Furnace Brook project is a stormwater management project and has nothing to do with conservation.

On April 30 Doug and Ed Rogers made a presentation to five classes of sixth graders on the naming of streams and explained watersheds, contours and provided historical information as well as locating the homes of the students on maps. A field trip was held to Geoffer's Trail with the students. The program was well received by the students and teachers.

Tree Warden: The Parks and Recreation Director wants to plant two elm trees at the town park that she was given from the State for clean-up day. Becky would like to plant some maple trees at the park. She will check out the cost with nurseries. The black locust trees at the intersection of Mason and Ashy Roads will be removed and the area cleaned up.

New Business: Bob attended the Zoning Board meeting last Thursday evening when an application for a golf course on the Newlinks' property was discussed. The Zoning Board asked for comments and concerns from the Commission. Members discussed issues connected with the golf course: runoff of toxins into the groundwater and Hoar Pond, the impact of the high volume of water needed for the golf course on the surrounding wells, the impact on the water level of Hoar Pond, habitat displacement, the upgrading of Old Country Road, and the impact to on site wetlands. Bob suggested that

when the applicant applies to the State for wetlands permits that the Commission hire a third party wetland scientist to review the project. Also discussed was the hiring of a third party hydrologist to conduct a study of wells. However, Bob pointed out that there is a Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permitting Process for Major Projects through DES which requires monitoring of wells. Also mentioned was putting the remainder of the land into a conservation easement. Bob will put together the Commission's comments and forward them to the Zoning Board.

An invoice for \$2,427.00 was submitted to the Commission from New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. This is the final invoice for the survey of lot 1/23. Bill made a motion to pay the invoice. Doug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary