

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JUNE 14, 2017

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Lisa Oden, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC), Karen Miller, Jack Messe, Lori Rautiola

ABSENT: Matt Oliveira

PUBLIC: Michael Bara

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

Committee Reports:

Communications: Bob reported NHDES will be testing wells in NH for MtBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether). There will be no cost to residents for the test because it is a State funded project. The areas where tests have been chosen to be performed are located on or in the vicinity of the remediation sites. David gave a brief overview on the migration of MtBE. MtBE was added to gasoline back in the 1970's. It is high in oxygen and it aided the improvement of air emissions. While it improved the air emissions, it is harmful to the groundwater. MtBE stays in the ground for long periods of time and travels down gradient. MtBE was taken out of gasoline in the early 2000's and has been supplanted by ethanol. The Conservation Commission will be a conduit for any information regarding this matter. NHDES has a map of New Ipswich with the location of the remediation sites. Bob noted this would be a good reason to start a town Facebook page so people have access to important information like this. Karen noted she did some research and found some links on the NHDES website regarding water/wells and feels they would be helpful to residents if they were made available on the Town website. Lori offered to add them on the Town website.

Old Business: The letter for the old Page Hill dump site will be going out to residents in the mail by the end of next week. Bob would like to be able to test some of the streams in the down gradient of the old site.

Lands: The Commission discussed potential conservation lands and slopes. The Town slope restriction is 15%. Bob questioned protecting land with a slope restriction since it already has some protection. Karen added that percentage could change and Bob agreed. Bob showed a GIS Glue map on the projector and pointed out some potential parcels to protect and noted there is not an extreme amount of land left in Town to protect.

The minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. In the first paragraph under Communications Lisa noted Bob, Lisa and David made a site visit to Alex's... and just Bob made a site visit to Somero. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola