

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 8, 2009

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Bill Watkinson, Dixie Rhoads, Freddi Kazo, Joanne Meshna
ABSENT: Jack Messe, Doug Waitt

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

Becky Doyle, 88 Mountain View Drive, was present to discuss the Tree Warden position. She asked if there were any guidelines or criteria to follow. Bob responded that there was not but it might be possible to hire an arborist to assist. Town and private roads were discussed. Becky was advised to get a list of the town roads from the Town Administrator. Bob also referred her to the RSA on Tree Wardens. Bob offered the position of Tree Warden to Becky and she accepted.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Attorney Tower is reviewing the Rice property on Tophet Swamp to see if there is access to it. Bob expects the offer of \$15,000 for the property to go through with an access or not. Ninety-thousand dollars has been offered for the other Rice property off Flinkstrom Road. Bob has not heard back on the offer.

Communications: Freddi reported that there had been no responses to her letter to the landowners of large parcels of land and placing the land into easement. She suggested that personal contact should be made.

Water Resources: Dixie reported that water testing had begun yesterday. Ken Hickey was present and demonstrated how to do the testing. The results should be e-mailed to her shortly.

New Business:

Members discussed junk vehicles being stored on properties and the effects on the environment as they deteriorate. Freddi suggested a brochure be composed on what to do with old vehicles, dangers to the environment, places to call for removal, etc. and leaving the brochure with the Town Clerk for distribution. She will draft some information for review by the Commission. Bob will speak with the Selectmen to make them aware of the situation.

Old Business:

Matt Leclair has returned the lease agreement after having it reviewed by his attorney. Joanne will forward it on to Attorney Tower for his review.

Bill noted that he is still interested in putting his land into a conservation easement. The evaluation criteria for conservation land was distributed. Bill was advised to contact the Monadnock Conservancy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary