

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 8, 2015

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Matthew Oliveira, Jack Messe

ABSENT: Dixie Blease, Joanne Meshna

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

The minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections made: page one, replace the colon with a parentheses after (SOLAC Representative), and page 1, first paragraph, last sentence should read "...going to be affected by the project." Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Lands: David visited the Nussdorfer Nature Area and agreed that the kiosk should stay where it is and the plexiglass should be replaced. He suggested one of the signs be placed at the parking area with an arrow pointing to the trail. Members were in agreement and also that the door step should be left where it is. David will replace the plexiglass. With regard to a sign at the Williams' property trail, David noted there is little room for a sign. Bob suggested putting the sign on the building.

David has made about six of the signs for the conservation land. He needs to know where to put them. Matt offered to help David put them up.

David walked up to the Card property. The access by the cemetery is steep and there is a lot of poison ivy and heavy forest. Members discussed the layout of the property and a better way for access. David liked the idea of a continuous path from the old cemetery and behind the Barrett House and to center cemetery. It has the potential to have beautiful views but has none now; a lot of cutting would have to be done.

Bob reported he had been approached about protection of land, approximately 450 acres, in New Ipswich that is up for sale. To do so would require the Commission donating about \$100,000 and it would be a collaboration of a number of agencies. Members discussed whether or not to conserve monies for the larger parcel up for sale where the Card lot would need a lot of work.

Bob will be meeting with Peter Goewey on Thursday to work on placement of the stream signs.

Communications: Bob added the Williston property to the GIS, the parcels discussed above, the pipeline route in NH, where the compressor station will be, NH wetlands, and the Town of Mason.

New Business: A member of the Temple Conservation Commission will be at the August meeting to lay out why the Commission should oppose the pipeline. Bob received an email from Susan Williams, President of the Historical Society, in which she stated the Conservation Commission should take a leadership role and oppose the pipeline; the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions opposed the pipeline and stopped it. Members discussed the proposed pipeline and the Commission's role in the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary