

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 12, 2006

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Harvey Green, Doug Waite, Jack Messe, Graham Messe, Friedericke Kazo, David Lage, Joanne Meshna
GUEST: Bill Watkinson

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

Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2006, April 12, 2006, May 10, 2006 and June 14, 2006 meetings. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Geoff Gyles presented a brief overview of his project on the Williams' property. All the work has been completed and Geoff is now an Eagle Scout. He submitted a written report on the project. All work was done with volunteers and donated materials from Belletetes. Bob will write a thank you letter to Belletetes. Geoff estimated approximately 105 man hours went into the project. Geoff noted that he had learned the importance of organization and planning.

An invoice for RKG Associates, Inc. for \$6,400 was discussed and Harvey made a motion to pay \$6,000, retaining \$400.00 for printing of reports and handouts. Jack seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (Susan Williams, Chair, Wendy Freeman, Toni Lovell, David Cotzin, Suzan Schafer Meiszner) met with the Commission to discuss better communication between boards on applications, site visits, and conservation easements. A written procedure for applicants to follow that would begin at the planning stage was discussed. Site visits on the third Saturday of each month was proposed with the ZBA, Conservation Commission and a member of the Planning Board.

Committee Reports:

Trails: New trail markers are needed on the Furnace Brook trail to replace old ones.

Marilyn Stowe designed eight trail markers and copies were distributed to members and one chosen. Freddi will obtain quotes on the markers.

Bob noted that the Johnson property has a trail that needs to be flagged. The trail crosses the Brooks' subdivision and it is important to mark the trail.

Communications: Freddi would like to set up a booth at the Children's Fair in August with handouts on open space, conservation land, and Green Sheets. Members approved.

At the August meeting Freddi asked for a discussion on the open space plan and the next steps to be taken.

Water Resources: A wetlands complaint has been filed with DES on the Mobil Station.

Old Business: The Forestry Committee will be formed at the September meeting. Members include Bob, Harvey, Freddi and Al Jenks.

Joanne will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending that Bill Watkinson be appointed as an alternate member on the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary