

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2006

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Freddi Kazo, Dan Daly, Joanne Meshna; Liz Freeman and Betsy Thoms (Open Space Committee)

ABSENT: Doug Waitt, Harvey Green

PUBLIC: Al Jenks, Andy Jenks

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Joanne was appointed as a full member.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Freddi stated that along with herself the members of the Open Space Committee are Liz, Betsy, Suzan Schafer Meiszner and Marilyn Stowe. The Committee's objective will be to implement the Open Space Plan. She suggested focusing on outreach and public relations and looking at regulations as the first steps in the process. Presenting warrant articles was discussed and Liz will draft a warrant article for a bond for land protection for the next meeting. The criteria for evaluation of conservation land was discussed and the need to look at the criteria in light of open space. The Committee will meet at the beginning of the Conservation Commission's monthly meeting. Freddi will set up an informational table at the October Fest

Bob discussed the ongoing Hampshire Country School Capital Campaign. The New Ipswich division of the Campaign will hold a brainstorming session November 1 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Freddi noted that Doug had sent her information on the Souhegan Land Preservation Committee which is a group formed to protect land on a regional basis. She will attend their next meeting for more information.

Trails: The repairs of the Nussdorfer Nature Area bog walk are on hold until the spring and more Boy Scouts are looking for a project. The trail on the Johnson property needs to be marked and added to the trail map. The Furnace Brook trail needs remarking with new trail markers.

Freddi displayed two boundary markers, one plastic and one aluminum. Based on a purchase of 500, the cost is \$.64 each for the aluminum and \$.48 each for the plastic. A one time art set up fee of \$45.00 is charged. Different methods of attaching the markers to the trees was discussed. Freddi will contact the company for the expected longevity of the markers. The wording on the markers will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The Kellogg easement was discussed. Bob noted that the easement requires public access to the property. The Conservation Commission, therefore, should establish a trail on the property and provide a parking area for the public. Bob will draft a letter to the Kellogg estate stating those objectives.

Lands: Monitoring of conservation easements needs to be done yearly. Harvey and Doug monitor the Kellogg property, Dan and Bob monitor the Rhoads property and Bob will ask David McTigue to monitor the Currier property with Jack.

Water Resources: The DES has responded to their inspection of William Rzepa's property on Emerson Hill Road, lot 9/3, with a Letter of Deficiency. Compliance is to be made within 90 days. Mr. Rzepa has applied for a wetlands crossing and a copy of the Letter of Deficiency will go to the Zoning Board; a copy will also be sent to the Planning Board. Bob was served notice that he cannot go onto Mr. Rzepa's property.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee was formed with Doug, Jack and Dan as Chairman.

Bob noted that higher resolution maps for New Ipswich are now available on Google Earth.

Coming Events:

On November 25 at 9:00 a.m. a hike from Gridley River at Route 124 to the Sharon bog to Annette State Forest will be led by Bob. It will depart from the Gridley River canoe launch.

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting. Bob seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary