

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2006

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Doug Waite, Jack Messe, David Lage (L), David McTigue (M), Freddi Kazo, Joanne Meshna; Liz Freeman, Betsy Thoms, Marilyn Stowe (Open Space Committee)

ABSENT: Harvey Green, Dan Daly

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

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Marilyn asked for direction as to what the Commission wanted to mail out to the town. Members discussed the need for education on open space; property owners should also be informed that the Conservation Commission can assist them both technically and financially with putting their land in protection. Bob and Marilyn will work on something to be mailed out. Liz distributed information on purchasing property/easements for open space and asked for direction in preparation of a warrant article for a bond for land protection. Also discussed was identification of parcels of land to protect and approaching those landowners specifically.

Trails: Jack and Bob will walk the Johnson property trail and flag it. It still needs to be named. David M. will monitor the Currier property with Jack. Jack will try and contact the troop leader for the Boy Scouts for assistance with the Nussdorfer bog walk. Freddi submitted a price list to Bob for markers. Need to decide if they will be plastic or aluminum and if contact information/logo will be on them.

Lands: Bob explained that there is a misconception that once there is a conservation easement on a property that it cannot be changed. Amendments can be made to easement agreements. He distributed the amendment policy of the Monadnock Conservancy and added that the Commission needs an amendment policy. Further discussion will take place at another meeting.

Water Resources: Doug reported that a dredge and fill application for William Rzepa had been submitted. The site was walked by Doug, Bob and Ed Rogers and the wetlands crossing as well as other areas of wetland concerns were inspected. All were found to be satisfactory. Doug made a motion to approve the dredge and fill application with the stipulation that it be monitored by a professional engineer for compliance until the soil is stabilized. It is up to the discretion of the engineer on a time period that will preclude any violation occurring. Bob seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tree Warden: Freddi has resigned as Tree Warden. Betsy Thoms has agreed to be the new Tree Warden. The duties of the Tree Warden were discussed.

Old Business:

The Nominating Committee will report next month.

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting with the addition of those absent. Bob seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Coming Events:

On November 25 there will be a hike from the Gridley River at Route 124 to the Sharon Bog and Annette State Forest; departs at 9:00 from Gridley River canoe launch on Route 124. The hike is approximately 5 miles.

Mr. Joe Fionda asked to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss Furnace Brook, wetlands and boundaries. Bob scheduled him for 7:45 p.m. on December 13.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary