

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2009

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Doug Waite, Bill Watkinson, Jack Messe, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Becky Doyle, Freddi Kazo, Dixie Rhoads

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

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Bob will be asking for bids to survey the 35 acre parcel recently purchased by the town. He would like to have markers put around the property identifying it as conservation land. Also, Bob would like to have the 190 acre parcel on Pratt Mountain surveyed. The owner has accepted the offer of \$90,000. There is a discrepancy in the amount of acres and before NEFF will put up any money for the purchase, they want the acreage determined. The seller will pay for the survey. Dana McKenney will to the survey.

Lands: The bids for the two RFPs on the Johnson property were opened as follows:

Mathewson Co.

Remove stumps, grade	\$18,120
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Saari Excavating

Remove stumps, grade	\$ 9,500
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Clear trees	\$ 4,750
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Morello Construction, Inc.

Remove stumps, grade	\$28,500
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Monadnock Landclearing and Chipping, Inc.

Field clearing	\$ 2,800
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Landsite Corp.

Tree clearing	\$ 4,800
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Accura Construction Corp.

Remove stumps, grade	\$ 5,300
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Oakridge Excavation, Inc.

Remove stumps, grade	\$12,750
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<u>RK Excavating</u>	
Remove stumps, grade	\$24,240
<u>Productive Power Excavating Inc.</u>	
Remove trees	\$ 4,750
Stumps	\$ 4,750
<u>Hjelm Excavating, Inc.</u>	
Remove stumps, grade	\$ 5,000
Clear trees and brush	\$ 1,200
<u>Foster Logging & Excavating</u>	
Remove stumps, grade	\$19,200
<u>Sandy Eneguess Tractor Service LLC</u>	
Clear trees	\$ 4,000
Remove stumps, grade	\$23,000
<u>J&S Cordwood, LLC</u>	
Clear trees	\$24,000
<u>William Ellis Jr. Construction, LLC</u>	
Clear trees, stump	\$13,400
<u>Landsite Corp.</u>	
Remove stumps, grade	\$17,225

Bob will meet with Swift Corwin on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and narrow the bids down to three. Those three will then walk the property with Bob to be sure they are clear about the job. From the three, one will be chosen and announced at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

Bob has reviewed the monitoring books. There are some years missing but generally they are in good shape. Black and white photos work best. There is no need to take pictures unless there are changes.

On the 23rd of October Bob along with the Selectmen, Town Administrator and Road Agent went to Concord regarding a grant for the Furnace Brook cleanup. The town has advanced to the next round. There is one final pass to go.

Water Resources: Doug is working on the grant for developing a water body mapping and naming project. He wrote the principal of Boynton Middle School a letter soliciting interest of a staff member and students. The grant is for \$2,000 and Bob noted that the Commission can supplement it if need be. Doug would like to have signs erected like the ones for the Souhegan River Watershed.

Old Business: Bob led a hike to the recently purchased property near Tophet Swamp. It was well attended. Bob would like to see more members of the Commission in attendance at these hikes.

New Business: After speaking to legal counsel, Bob suggested not doing a warrant article to make Binney Hill Road a trail as all abutters have to agree and that most likely would not happen.

The lease for the Johnson property has been sent back to Matt LeClair for the town's attorney and Mr. LeClair's attorney to discuss.

NHACC handbooks are out of date. Until they are updated they will not be put on line.

Bob had a call from someone that had walked the Nussdorfer Nature Area and complained that it was almost impassable because of the December ice storm. The Commission discussed putting out a bid to have the trail cleaned up.

The Monadnock Conservancy submitted an invoice for \$4,316.00 for the Potter conservation easement. Doug made a motion to pay \$4,316.00 to the Monadnock Conservancy. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna
Secretary