

DRAFT MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Matt Oliveira, Doug Waitt, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna

ABSENT: Dixie Rhoads, Becky Doyle

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

Bob announced that the Commission has been awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Rhoads Family Environmental Fund for purchase of the Rice/Tuttle lot. A purchase and sales agreement will be signed by the Selectmen on December 21, 2010.

Doug made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2010 meeting. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Bob passed around a picture of a trail marker used by the Nature Conservancy. Jack will contact the Conservancy to find out where to purchase them and the cost.

Jack spoke with John Allen, the caretaker for the Kelloggs, and invited him to walk the proposed trail for the Kellogg property. Mr. Allen did not want to walk but stated that he may want a way for cattle to get to the pond at some time. Jack stated that the best way to plan the trail was along the perimeter following the stone wall.

Lands: Bob noted that with the purchase of the Rice/Tuttle lot the Commission will put 25 percent down and pay the remainder once the deed and legal papers are completed.

According to Doug there has been no response from the RFP for signage on the conservation lands.

Communications: Matt has been visiting the conservation lands to determine if hunting signs are posted. Only one dam site has a sign stating no firearms. He was asked to determine what should be at each site (hunting is prohibited, hunting is not prohibited, shotgun only or hunting by landowner permission) and then discuss it with the members. The Conservation Commission brochure needs to be updated. Suggestion was made to color code the different classifications of hunting in the brochure.

Water Resources: Doug would like to award nominal prizes for the design of the sign and the logo by the students. Members agreed and suggested two prizes, one for each design. There is money left in the grant that can be used.

Old Business: A month ago Bob asked Southwest Regional Planning Commission to prepare a five layer map that can be used to select prime wetlands. The map has not been received yet.

New Business: Bob suggested the Commission might want to have a professional photographer tour the conservation lands and film each one.

The Green Crow pretrial hearing is scheduled for December 14, 2010 and the trial is scheduled for January 3, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Secretary