

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 13, 2012 at 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 41 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

Members present: Ed Chamberlain, Chair, Ruth Bleyler, Doug McIlroy, Michael Mayor

Alternates: Jim Kennedy (scribe), John Trummel

Staff: Jonathan Edwards, Vicki Smith

Others: Fletcher Passow, Davey Stocken, Elisha Huggins, Peter Shumway, Bill Baschnagel

1. Hayes Park Invasive Plant Project

Fletcher Passow (Boy Scouts of America) reported on his invasive plant removal project. He will be involving members of the community. Barbara McIlroy has been very helpful in identifying species and proposing methods of treatment. Brush piles will be left on site. Burning and/or a chipper may be used in the future. He will check with the Fire Department about parking. Mike Mayor made a motion to express gratitude for the project and to authorize \$135.00 from the Conservation Fund. Seconded by Ruth Bleyler. Motion approved.

2. Rinker Tract Invasive Plant Project

Davey Stocken (Boy Scouts of America) reported on his invasive plant removal project. Glossy buckthorn and honeysuckle will be uprooted. Possible chainsaw cuts and herbicide application (by others). He will submit a plan for signs and trail blazing to the Trail Committee for approval. Davey will be supervised by Mike Lepene from Hanover High School, Vicki Smith, and Doug McIlroy. He was cautioned about the poison ivy on the land. Emergency phone service will be at the Chieftain Motel. Motion to support the project by Doug McIlroy, seconded by Doug McIlroy. Motion approved.

3. Pasture Road Access

The Robes family is requesting the Town to use Pasture Road as access to a building site on Moose Mountain. Ed Chamberlain gave an introduction to the project, and a report of the site visit with Doug McIlroy, Peter Shumway, and Elisha Huggins. Mr. Shumway and Mr. Huggins explained their objections to the project, including their opinions as to the ownership of certain sections of the road. Vicki Smith explained that the Commission's participation should be limited to the Class VI road issues, and the current application under Town Ordinance #4. Bill Baschnagel stressed the guidance given in the Master Plan. There was a lengthy discussion of a draft letter prepared by Ed Chamberlain. The letter will be revised and presented to the Commission. [note: at a special meeting of the Conservation Commission on June 20 2012, the final draft was approved for publication]

4. Trail Signs

Doug McIlroy reported on the new signs. They will be triangular signs on a fiberglass post. Trail information will be in a vertical arrangement. Doug suggested a budget of \$330.00. Vicki Smith reported that there is \$400 available until June 30.

5. Open Space Committee: Deferred to next Commission meeting

6. Biodiversity Committee: Deferred to next Commission meeting

7. Minutes of previous meetings: Deferred to next Commission meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Kennedy, scribe