

**Hooksett Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2012**

**Call Meeting to Order:** 6:00pm

**Attendance:** Steve Couture chair, Jim Walter –member, Cindy Robertson, vice-chair, Phil Fitanides alt-member, Jocarol Woodburn member, David Hess member

**Public Input:** none

**Meeting Minutes:** Jim Walter motioned to approve the minutes October 2, 2012, with amendments seconded by Cindy Robertson

**Appointments:**

**Boy Scouts – Trail Development**

Steve Couture – We have about 1000 acres in town. The one prominent scout project in town is the Heads Pond Trail and the current project right now is the Pinnacle in regards to trail work that will need to be completed. As of today at Pinnacle Park there is limited signage and some work needs to be completed. We also have Quimby Mountain which is the highest point in Hooksett heading into Bow. It has some trails but this parcel also needs work. Then we have Clay Pond which has 100s of acres. That is a big parcel and we have not figured out what we want to do yet. We also have another 100 acre parcel off of Whitehall Road. At the top of Campbell Hill there is an open space area. Right now the conservation commission is figuring out how to get trails and access to these properties.

Ron Poloske – There are a lot of troops in the Massabessic circle and there are a lot of troops that are looking for Eagle Scout Projects. I will be going to the round table meeting tomorrow night. We will need contact people for the boys to contact and get a list of what specifically you would like to have completed.

Steve Couture – I think by this time next year we will have a better idea of what we would like the scouts to complete. We are not at the level of detail you may be looking for as of yet. But it also depends on how much detail you will require as well.

Ron Poloske – We know that we are going into winter so not much is going to happen right now. But just so you are aware a lot of the Eagle Projects have involved a kiosk, signage, etc.

Steve Couture – At the Pinnacle we currently have our parking area but there is no kiosk, not trail signage, no trail map because the trails are not completed. The Walgreen Property is something that we have not done anything with. This is a small conservation parcel. But that is another parcel that you could create a walking path or something like that.

Ron Poloske – It was a question that was brought to me if you could camp on the Pinnacle.

Steve Couture - Pinnacle is pretty tough with the peaks and ledge. As of right now I would say no. I would think that Quimby would be better with all of the fields and the views.

Jeff Scott – A few years ago we had gotten special permission to camp on Quimby. We have only done it a few times but it is a pretty nice place. The only problem with that area is parking as you have to park on the street.

Steve Couture – Another area is upstream of the courthouse, we have a purchase and sales on about 122 acres of land that we are working on acquiring. This would be a project for the future as well.

Ron Poloske – So right now a lot of these areas are in the planning stages.

Jim Walter – Pinnacle needs signs and the kiosk.

Steve Couture – Other than the Pinnacle being shovel ready there really isn't anything that we can think of. But as we said Pinnacle definitely needs a kiosk, signage and some trail work will need to be completed in the spring. Also some trail marking will be needed.

Ron Poloske – Some previous eagle scout projects have included trail work and the only thing that I need to know is who the scout will contact in order to start the project. The normal procedure is we look at the project and approve it then we assign an eagle advisor. He will need to make initial contact with the contact person and once the project is approved that is the project. When the project is completed we like to have a letter that states the project is complete.

Jim Walter – I think Pinnacle would be the one to have worked on right now. I am pretty sure the long term goal is hooking our trails into Manchester.

Ron Poloske – This sounds great and I know that we have boys who are looking to do eagle scout projects.

Jeff Scott – We could have 6 scouts looking for eagle scout projects.

### **Review of Town Owned Land**

Steve Couture – Reviewed the open space map and the maps from Assessing. It was discussed that few parcels will be reviewed and this would be further discussed at the next meeting.

### **Commission Reports:**

- 1. Pinnacle Park** – John Turbyne is meeting with the Student Conservation Core regarding the trails.
- 2. Merrimack Riverfront Project – David Hess** – Everything is moving forward and we are still on target.
- 3. Clay Pond II – Easement Approval** – On November 28 council agenda for approval
- 4. Quimby Mountain – Easement Approval** – On November 28, council agenda for approval
- 5. Walgreens Property** – The beaver dams will be removed from the area and the DPW will be doing the work out there.

**Other:**

1. **Invoices** – VHB \$450 - Motioned by Cindy Robertson to pay out of the current use fund seconded by Jim Walter voted unanimously  
Stantec \$141.25 - Jim Walter motioned to pay out of the carry over fund seconded by Cindy Robertson voted unanimously  
Jim Walter motioned to approve the Bear Paw membership in the amount of \$100 seconded by Cindy Robertson voted unanimously
2. **Regional Trail Plan – Draft** –looked fine

**Correspondence:**

All correspondence was reviewed

**Other:** n/a

**Non-public under RSA 91-A: 3, II d**

none

**Adjournment** – Jim Walter motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:45pm Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously