

**New Boston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

December 2, 2010

In Attendance: Burr Tupper, Barbara Thomson, Laura Bernard, Joel Bedard, Rick Searle, Mark Brown, Ed Gilligan

Minutes: None available for approval

Treasurers Report: \$623,956.84 of which \$365,928 is for Open Space

Burr read a letter from DES re: Dan Donovan's request to cut brush on the wetlands portion of his property (Map/Lot 009-063). As long as he does not disturb the roots, he can cut the brush.

Laura was asked to help investigate the definition of 'brush' vs. 'timber'.

Burr shared a complaint letter he'd received from Gordon Russell regarding run-off into Carrier Brook from a paddock area and a discussion followed. There was some disagreement about whether or not the Conservation Commission has a role to play – Burr quoted the handbook which stated that Conservation Commission have no regulatory authority, but Joel felt we could mediate to help get the issue resolved. Joel will accompany Selectman Dwight Lovejoy to the site on Bunker Hill Road tomorrow morning.

Burr had spoken with the Dept of Agriculture – they have been there a couple of times. Agriculture has limited enforcement; DES would have to be called in to deal with any issues if further action is required. Burr agreed to respond to Gordon Russell's letter.

Saunders Pasture has not been moved yet, but Roger Noonan indicated hopefully next week.

PLC sent a letter regarding 2010 PLC Easement Monitoring

Rick and Ed will meet around 10:00 on Saturday, Dec 14th and put in posts on Lyndeborough Road – Ed dug the holes last week. They will also put up the LCIP signs.

Rick made a motion to authorize Burr to sign for a Culvert repair. Joel 2nd - all in favor.

Joel made a motion for authorize Burr to sign for repair of the bridge next to the TD Bank. Rick 2nd – all in favor.

Rebecca, Brochure Committee – Rebecca found the brochures Burr had given her as examples of other brochures. She's getting a large map made and we will spend time in January discussing the project.

Burr brought up the idea hiring someone to work for the CC – to be discussed further.

Mark asked about educational opportunities – he will investigate having individuals deliver training at our regular meetings.

Joel offered to help with the latest regional plan, but Nic Strong and Shannon Silver (Planning Office), said that they are working with the SNHPC and have a great relationship with them. Joel is backing off.

Laura shared what had transpired at last week's Planning Board Meeting with regards to the Lorden project.

Joel is reaching out to Gordon and Ian regarding NH Legislation around water rights.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Bernard