



THESE MINUTES ARE WRITTEN IN DRAFT AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AT ITS NEXT MONTHLY MEETING.

NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 7, 2002

Members present: Betsey Dodge, Deborah Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joseph Nangle, Eric Thum, and Mary Carol Schaffrath

Rebecca and Burr not able to make it. Ray Whitemore (alternate)

Guest: Joe Taggart, Bill and Allison Thomas (interested in Conservation)

Treasurer's Report - \$17,194.32 and \$1,718.63 in bridge account;

Minutes read, edited, and accepted;

Mill Pond - The Plaintiff, Morrissey, filed a Motion to Strike 2/3 of the Action. The second strike was denied by the judge. Betsey talked to Burton about the decision. CC to ask Selectmen to write to Jed Callen asking if he is to pursue another avenue on behalf of his clients. Brenda expressed a concern about the pile of logs blocking the right-of-way. It was suggested that this be brought up at the Selectmen's meeting Monday night (3/11). Is Mill Pond on the agenda?

Eric Farris - Bedford Road, Joe did an onsite on this property on 2/15, and reported that the land is very steep; Joe met with Brad Simpkins the forester on the complaint of excessive cutting. It was reported that a developer has the right to cut 20 cords of wood for a devel. without a permit. Joe saw selective cutting near the Gagnon property, not clear cutting. The wetlands were identified where the skidder had crossed, although Joe could not distinguish between the roadway and other land, because the land was very muddy. Joe did not see a problem of runoff going into the Eiremann property.

Skofield Land - Mr. MacAntee met with us about the Skofield land on Briar Hill Road. The trail has been cut, and the BH group is discussing signage. They would like to put a granite sign with carved letters "Skofield Land". There was some discussion about keeping all of the signs alike, but because this group wished to pay for the sign themselves, CC would allow a granite or boulder with "Skofield Conservation Area, Town of New Boston". CC would like to have the green and white metal sign with the do's and don't's at the trail head. Motion was made, seconded and approved for the granite sign with the wording as above. The green and white sign would be inside the area with the maps of the area.

Gravel is needed for the parking lot, and Bob MacAntee asked Lee Murray for gravel for the Briar Hill side and the Clark Hill side. Parking would be on the Briar Hill side of the

area. Mr. MacAntee will blaze the trail with the plastic with aluminum nails. Mr. M. has talked to the Hechtels, and is proposing a trail around the beaver pond on the Hechtel's property. The trail would have to cross a small portion of two other land-owners, and Mr. MacAntee would approach them, but Betsey agreed to talk to Burton Reynolds about the legality of allowing the public on private land. The trail is cut on the Skofield property, and it is wide enough for two people to walk side by side.

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Open Space - Meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at Nan's house., and the minutes should be sent to the Selectmen. Bob Todd has asked to be on the committee, and a Motion was made, seconded, and approved to add Bob Todd's name to the Open Space Comm. Some discussion of the committee's meeting place. Eric asked about process of updating the potential property list. One other property was added to the list of 9 properties.

Saunders Pasture - Selectmen are asking the CC for their plans for this area and the John Newton Dodge Rd. in order to establish road needs with the abutter, LaPenn. CC discussed our area and the needs of the public to be able to access the great meadow by the use of the J. N.,D. Road. CC discussed plans to have parking along the edge of Saunders Hill Road for access to the pasture, and our wishes to keep the Class 6 Road open. Joe to draft a letter to the Selectmen about our plans for the area, and asking to keep the Class 6 road open. Betsey to remind Joe of the above, and to see if this will be on the 3/18 agenda. Gordon Russell of the PWA monitored the area for the PWA. The PWA holds the easement on the area.

Scott Belanger - Bedford Road, Bog Road, - He has applied for a dredge and fill for one house. The area will need an onsite. The owner is proposing a 5 bedroom house in the middle of a wetland, and proposes a pipe under the wetland, and septic to be pumped up hill. The subdivision has not yet been approved. Town regulations are stricter than state regs, and this up hill pumping is not allowed, and the pipes under the wet area not allowed. Betsey and Eric to do onsite on Monday, 3/11, at 10:30AM. Deb to do letter to State Wetland Board with cc to PB after the onsite.*****

Stewart Land - McCollum Rd. The state had asked the owner to redo his plans, and 2,000 square feet of wetlands were saved. The road has been regraded.

Mill Pond addendum - A letter has been received from Ann Gukian regarding a wedding ceremony at the Mill pond area on July 6, 2002. She and her fiancé are building a house in new Boston, and they want to have a wedding ceremony at the Mill Pond Area, and the reception is to be at their home which will be completed by July 6. Betsey has spoken to the Selectmen, and they have given their approval. CC agreed to the location for the

event, and Deb to write a letter to Ms. Gukian re: 1. Okay; 2. Park at Town Hall; 3. Recep to be off site; 4. Respect boundary lines; 5. Happy that you are using the area.

Library dredge and fill - Betsey and Joe did the onsite; Two culverts to be put in, and CC has no concerns. Betsey to do letter.

4-H Grounds - Abutters to the land received a letter regarding the proposed new horse barn and ring.

Brochures - Fluoride issues; NH History Museum; NH Preservation Alliance;

Beaver Control - Brenda called the Forest Service about the Beaver Control. The FS holds the easement on the property at Middle Branch. Joe to check out beaver control on Greenfield Road and write to a lady in Milford who has information on beaver control. There are still issues about the method to be used, and CC Comm. to do further research.

Meeting adjourned 9:50PM, next meeting scheduled for April 4, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Keimer
Secretary

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