

**New Boston Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2011

In Attendance: Burr Tupper, Barbara Thomson, Laura Bernard, Amy Elkes-Simon, Tom Morgan, Mike Depetrillo, Ed Gilligan,

Minutes: January Meeting Minutes Approved with Changes

Treasurers Report: \$631,120.78 of which \$371,529.92 is for Open Space

OLD BUSINESS

Brochure: Discussion re: which properties should or should not be included in the Conservation Commission brochure. It was agreed that we would include the Jon Brooks property, our 6 Conservation properties, Lydia Dodge Forest and perhaps Forestry Committee properties (Laura will contact Forestry Committee to discuss). We will not include PLC properties as they have their own brochure.

Ed Gilligan is going to contact **Antrim Lyons Club** and try and get a copy of their brochure.

The **Property Stewards** need to do their write-ups to include information about parking, trail head locations, length of the trails and points of interest.

Winter Carnival: Mike provided an update – he said the day went well and they had positive feedback from the people who stopped by.

Ed moved to approve payment of \$240 for Justin Bowen for grooming done on the Rail Trail. Tom 2nd – All Approved.

Mike made a motion to continue the grooming of the Rail Trail through March 1st – Tom 2nd, All Approved.

Filing Project: Laura and Barbara met last month to begin the process of organizing the Conservation Commission files. Laura will send out a reminder, at least one day ahead of time, for this month's filing party!

Planning Board – Laura will expand the calendar to ensure that the Conservation Commission continues to have a representative at future Planning Board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Jon Brooks would like us to work on relocating the parking area.

It was suggested that we should have articles from the Conservation Commission in the New Boston Bulletin on a monthly basis. We may want to rotate through members and share the responsibility for a submission to the paper.

Laura will contact her source from the local geo-caching organization and talk about an article for the paper.

Burr shared a copy of the new Subdivision map of the Thibeault property on Byam Road.

Burr provided us with a copy of "Our Native Trout Deserve a Chance" article.

Scott Hunter spoke with Mike and said he would like to volunteer to help maintain the Rail Trail. It was agreed that we should develop and maintain a *Friends of the Conservation Commission* mailing list for volunteers, who would be willing to help when needed on projects such as trail maintenance. It was agreed that Laura would maintain this email list. Mike agreed to come up with a promotion for volunteers.

Barbara shared about the PLC Land Protection Summit she attended earlier this month, specifically she was impressed with the successes of Frankestown's CC.

Barbara gave us an update about the Planning Board meetings she attended in January. She expressed concern that the Board was unfamiliar with the conservation commission statutes and positions on natural resource and wetland protection. She also reminded us that the Master Plan is being revised this year and we need to stay involved in the process.

Barbara is going to contact someone at the State who does a slideshow (for a cost), and invite them come to New Boston. We would want to coordinate with the Library and see if we could work such a presentation into their scheduled programs.

Master Plan – it was agreed that we would spend time at the next meeting reviewing the Conservation Commission portion of the Master Plan. Burr encourages all members to review the Master Plan before the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Bernard