

## **New Boston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

May 5, 2011

**Members In Attendance:** Burr Tupper, Laura Bernard, Rebecca Balke, Barbara Thomson, Mark Brown, Rick Searle, Tom Morgan

**Guests In Attendance:** Carmen Rivera, Jackie Mouton, Jen Moulton

**Minutes:** March Meeting Minutes Approved with Changes

**Treasurers Report:** \$645,590.61 of which \$384,005.61 is earmarked for Open Space

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Brochure** – Rebecca has the write-ups for Saunders Pasture, Brooks and Lyndeborough and is hoping to have the others completed by May.

**New Boston Bulletin** – Mark completed his article on the Rail Trail and will send it out for editing/revisions. Laura will then submit it to Brandy along with a photo for publication in the May Bulletin.

**Eastern Brooktrout Project** – The plan is to have Barry Wicklow come to New Boston in the fall and do a presentation outlining the results after 2 years.

**CC Project Tracking Spreadsheet** – Laura will build the framework for tracking CC projects. She will send to the membership for comments and updates.

**5-Year Management Plans** – It was decided that in order to be able to track progress and access the need for volunteers, we need the Stewards to develop a brief (1-2 page), 5-year management plan for each of the properties the CC oversees.

**Betsey Dodge donations** – Joel brought a draft of a plan for the Betsey Dodge donations. The plan included annual contributions from the Conservation Commission of \$10,000 with the idea that the accumulated funds could be used as a scholarship for a NB student. Laura to post the draft on the internal site for review prior to the May meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Trail to Every Classroom Project** – Jackie and Jen Moulton came to discuss the spring trail maintenance work the Conservation Club will do this Spring – they have 27 children signed up this year. They were also looking for a grant from the CC to help fund a 2-day program bringing club members to an AMC hut. They need funding for 5 people. Joel made a motion to fund this effort, not to exceed \$500, Mark seconded and all approved.

**Upcoming Workshops** – Burr shared with everyone several worthy upcoming workshops.

**Dredge & Fill Request** – A dredge and fill request came before the Commission for M/L 006-040-002. After review, Tom made a motion to sign off on the request and it was seconded by Joel. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Bernard