

New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC)

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2011

Members In Attendance: Laura Bernard, Barbara Thomson, Burr Tupper, Amy Elkes-Simon

Members Absent: Rebecca Balke, Mike DePetrillo, Ed Gilligan, Rick Searle, Tom Morgan

Guests In Attendance: Mark Berone

Minutes: October Minutes Not Available

Treasurers Report: \$685,747.15 of which \$416,387.45 is earmarked for Open Space

OLD BUSINESS

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) – We reviewed the document that will be sent to the SNHPC to be included in their short range conservation action plan (CAP). This document outlines the New Boston Conservation Commissions goals for 2011 and 2012 (see separate document).

Rail Trail – Burr discussed his plans to try and organize a meeting in early December to form a committee for the purpose of improving the Rail Trail. Tom Morgan had recently visited Crotched Mt. and send along brochures showing off their handicap accessible trails. Burr was recently approached by the Recreation Commission and they are interested in being involved. Willard Dodge has also expressed support for the project. Burr will schedule the meeting and send out invitations.

Monitoring – Barbara reported that Mark Brown will be helping with the Mill Pond monitoring and Ed Gilligan will work with her on the Lyndeborough Road monitoring.

NEW BUSINESS

Bailey Pond Conservation Easement – The Bailey Pond Conservation Easement was granted by Peter DeRoeth and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) annual meeting– Burr, Barbara and Gerry Cornett are all planning to attend the Nov. 5th NHACC annual meeting and will be sharing information from that meeting with the NBCC at our December meeting.

Scenic Byways Grant – Burr recently received an email indicating there was grant money available that could possibly be used for the River Rd section of the Piscataquog River (Davis Scenic Drive). He suggested we could do some tree plantings along the river and would qualify for 80% reimbursement. Barbara was not sure that planting trees along the river was appropriate and felt that this should be investigated further before the NBCC commits any money to the project. Tabled until future meeting.

Brochure Rack – With the recent renovations in the Town Hall, Laura felt that the NBCC brochure rack should be replaced with something that is more attractive and takes up less floor space. Amy made a motion to authorize Laura to replace the brochure holder and spend up to \$200. Burr 2nd and all approved.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Bernard