

New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC) Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2012

Members In Attendance: Laura Bernard, Barbara Thomson, Burr Tupper, Gerry Cornett, Rebecca Balke, Tom Morgan, Amy Elkes-Simon, Rick Searle

Members Absent: Mike DePetrillo, Ed Gilligan

Guests In Attendance: Jason Webber and Joshua Forand

Minutes: Tom moved to accept the December minutes, Gerry 2nd – all approved

Treasurers Report: \$689,032.87 of which \$419,370.80 is earmarked for Open Space

OLD BUSINESS

Rail Trail Project – Burr provided information regarding the December meeting on the Rail Trail Project. He said it was a great initial meeting and it looked as though there will be a small group driving the project.

Brochures – Rebecca provided an outline of the brochure. Burr will contact Cyndie Wilson, Bob Todd and Randy Parker for input on the brochure.

Trail Markers – Gerry brought a sample marker that could be used for marking the trails. They are reflective and Gerry will get quotes and bring us back options. He recommends they are numbered for 911 purposes and that the numbers appear on the trail maps.

Paid NBCC Position- Based on discussions at the December meeting, Tom made a motion to approve a position, not to exceed 20 hours /month for work to include meeting minutes and other clerical work. Gerry 2nd – All Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Intern – Joshua Forand is a senior at Southern NH University majoring in Environmental Ethics and Public Policy. He is looking for an intern opportunity with the NBCC. Barbara explained to Joshua some of our goals as shared with Southern NH Planning Commission and all agreed that Joshua would write a brief proposal outlining what he felt he could do for the NBCC.

NH Bill HB1512 – Burr brought up HB1512, a bill that had just been withdrawn, but had it moved forward would have seriously affected our ability to carry out our mission. The NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC), has on their website, all legislation that impacts CC's and Burr encouraged everyone to check it out.

Map3/Lot9 Marden Easement – Rick moved to approve the expenditure of \$192,750 (75% of cost), for the purchase of the Marden Easement. The (insert) Farm & Ranch Protection Program (FRPP) will reimburse \$129,500 after the closing. Rebecca 2nd – All Approved.

Amy made a motion to authorize an expenditure to cover fees and closing costs for the Marden Easement. Rick 2nd – All Approved

Saunders Pasture report – the report from Gordon Russell found that the fields need to be cut. Roger Noonan can't do the work – next year maybe Bill Dodge could do the job, with Gordon's approval. Amy will send three letters. 1) Thanking Roger Noonan for past work and letting him know we will no longer require his help. 2) Letter requesting the Bill

Dodge take on the job next year. 3) A letter to Paula Bellemore at the PLC responding to Gordon's report.

Burr will show Barbara where they previously flagged a new trail. Barbara has volunteers who will help clear the trail. Burr & Gerry plan to walk the property and assess the need for timber thinning.

Wildlife Pond Project Review – Barbara and Burr met with Chris Danforth onsite (Map1/Lot53) and found everything in order. Burr signed off on the expedited wetlands permit application.

Willard Dodge – Willard is looking for telephone poles for the Betsey Dodge property and Kim DiPietro has telephone poles. Amy will send a letter to Willard letting him know. Willard was also looking for permission to mow the property. Tom made a motion to allow Willard to mow the upper part of the Betsey Dodge Conservation Area, Amy 2nd – All Approved.

SPNHF Letter – there was a letter received that indicated a resident was encroaching onto Betsey Dodge Conservation Area land. Burr and Barbara will investigate.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Bernard