

Minutes of NBCC July 12, 2012 Meeting – Burr Tupper, Chairman note taker

Members Present: Burr Tupper, Gerry Cornett, Laura Bernard, Amy Elkes Simon, Barbara Thomson

Members Absent: Tom Morgan, Rebecca Balke, Mike Dipetrillo, Jay Webber

1. Laura Bernard, developed and printed 13 certificates of appreciation for members of Jackie Moulton’s hiking club at the Central School for the work that they had done on trail maintenance during the school year.
2. Members discussed and agreed to submit to the Planning Board changes to the “Wetlands Conservation and Stream Corridor District” Ordinance noted below in italics and underlined.

c. Where existing, a natural woodland or vegetative buffer shall be maintained within the setback designated in Paragraph C.4.b.

above, between the new structure *or logging operation* and any perennial stream, pond, lake or wetland.

1. A natural woodland or vegetative buffer means a forested or vegetated area consisting of various species of indigenous trees, saplings, shrubs, and ground covers in any combination and at any stage of growth. For the purposes of this section, “maintained” shall mean the avoidance of clear cutting or complete removal or replacement with a lawn; however, clearing of some undergrowth, limited non-lethal limbing of trees to clear a view, the creation of foot paths to the water, the replacement of some shrubs with other native species of groundcover, the removal of trees or limbs that present an imminent threat to safety or property, and the removal of diseased or dangerously damaged trees shall be permitted so long as such actions preserve the natural root systems of the trees and an understory vegetated by native species of shrubs and groundcovers.

4. Setback Distances:

a. No septic tank or leach field shall be constructed or installed within 75 feet of any perennial stream, pond, or wetland, or within 50 feet of any poorly drained soils.

b. No new structure, as defined in Section 602 of this Ordinance, shall be constructed *nor logging operation shall be conducted* within 50 feet of any perennial stream, pond, lake or wetland; provided that the Planning Board may, at

its discretion, and considering any input from the Conservation Commission, increase this setback to a maximum of 100' based on soil science and the following considerations:

3. Trail meeting has been set for members of that sub-committee to be held on July 19th at 7pm in the Recreation building. Updates and future plans for marketing, permitting and construction will be discussed.
4. Zombie Run in October was discussed as a means for raising funds for the rail trail construction. The event would require permission from 4H and would take place on parts of the rail trail and the 4H grounds. Lee Brown will be working with members of the Rail Trail Committee to discuss logistics, costs, timing, volunteers, etc. It is targeted for October 20th or 21st. A go or no go decision regarding this year will be made at the meeting on July 19th.
5. Signage for the properties and new rail trail. Jerry reported that in his discussions with the state prison regards to our signage needs, that the costs has gone up from \$.45 to \$.85 due to the economic situation in the state. This however is still substantially lower than pricing from commercial vendors.
6. Burr noted that he had contacted the town attorney regarding the status of the right of way across the 4H ground and he had indicated that he had just received the information and would start on it ASAP. Burr is going to contact Sanford and let them know that we are unhappy with the length of time it took to get the information to the attorney from the time the bill was paid.
7. Purchasing books entitled, "My Healthy Streamside" for the 5th graders at New Boston Central School was discussed and it was agreed to purchase 120 books for the school and interested landowners in town. The total cost will be \$360.
8. Barbara asked for opinions on type of trail-side makers that could be installed on the new trails at Saunders Pasture. It was suggested that we contact Goffstown HS woodworking and see if they could design and make the markers.