

**New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
February 7, 2013

**Members In Attendance:** Burr Tupper, Rebecca Balke, Laura Bernard, Barbara Thompson by phone, Gerry Cornett, Tom Morgan

**Members Absent:** Jay Webber, Amy Elkes-Simon, Mike DePetrillo

**Guests In Attendance:** None.

**Secretary's Report:** The members reviewed the January 2013 minutes. Gerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Laura seconded the motion. All approved. The CC write up for the town report was reviewed. Pictures of the bridge under construction and the footbridge will be used.

**Monitoring Dates and Properties:** Barbara reported that she submitted the Mill Pond, and Lisa Ferro submitted the Lyndeborough Road monitoring reports to Steve Walker of the NH CLSP. The Conservation Commission complimented them for their work. Barbara also reported that she and Maralyn are working on completing the master and field files for each Conservation property. They tried to use the conference room computer to print GRANITviewer maps but it needs Adobe software updated. Laura will train Maralyn in deed research with Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds. Barbara, Maralyn and Laura will meet again February 14.

**Twin Bridge Property Discussion:** The town accepted the 35-acre parcel at Twin Bridge subdivision. DRED was supposed to own this but decided it did not want to. The Conservation Commission has volunteered to monitor the property for the town. It will be marked with signs and need monitoring once a year. The deed is currently under review by the town attorney and no problems are expected. This is a new 35-acre parcel (Map 3 Lot 5), the town is taking. There is also an area on the town property where a homeowner has a right of way for a driveway. The parcel was logged a few years ago and now growing back in. This is a potential area for a bridge across the Piscataquog River in the future. There is access to the land from Lull Road and Wright Road. The CC will think of a name for the area considering its location and history. The CC will determine how it will be monitored and signed. There is parking potential on West Lull. There are no plans for trail blazing at this time. This property may be added to the brochure, the brochure will not be finalized until the town owns this property.

The Bailey Pond property has a town easement and is owned by the PLC. The town owns the road in with the boat ramp. It is not under CC control.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca is working on updating this information. She is preparing the accounting to be published in the Town Report. She will get additional information on the Rail Trail and Footbridge accounts from Town Bookkeeper Karen Craven. A \$4,000 grant from Hillsborough County came in. The Conservation Commission account

contains \$628,086.28 according to the January bank statement. \$100,000 is pledged for the land the town is considering purchasing from Thibeault. Laura moved to approve the treasurer's report. Gerry seconded the motion. All approved.

**Signage:** Gerry is working on numbering the signs to be put up in the spring. A delivery was received last month. The CC decided to post signs along the access road from West Lull to the new Twin Bridge property saying, "you are now entering private property." Laura will find these signs.

**Rail Trail Update:** Burr reported the attorney is still working on this. He will meet with Lee Brown tomorrow. The second bridge was completed. Burr will find out if Sandford Engineering recalculated the right of way at the fairground. The committee will meet Tuesday night regarding a Zombie 5K next year to raise money for the Rail Trail. CC members are encouraged to attend the meeting. The 5K was a fun event. The CC reviewed the stream assessment final report by Trout unlimited and SNHPC.

**Brochure:** Burr prepared a draft parcel overview. The members approved this format for all the parcels. The CC will continue to work on the brochure and the write-ups. Rebecca sent a list of items to include to all members to decide which property they would like to write up and get information from residents who know about the properties such as Randy Parker and Bob Todd. Tom will write up the Lyndeborough property and speak to the Towne family and Janet Nixon for information about the area. Gerry will write up the Betsy Dodge property. Rebecca will write up the Scofield property. Burr will write up the Saunders Hill property and the Rail Trail. Rebecca and Barbara will write up the Bog Brook property. Laura will write up the Mill Pond property. Burr will write up the new Twin Bridge property. The write-ups are due at the March meeting.

**Day on the Rail Trail:** This is an event put on by the Conservation Commission on September 14 as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Laura researched a nature scavenger hunt. The CC considered giving kids a bag to collect some items and check some items off on a list. They plan a prize at the end of the hunt such as conservation themed prizes like a water bottle and a raffle for a big prize such as a backpack, binoculars compass, magnifying glass or fly rod. Burr will speak to Fish and Game about holding a fish stocking demonstration at the event and Corinne Walsh for a fishing demonstration. Laura will speak to the boy scouts to set up a campsite at the fire pit and speak about safety in the woods. Amy will arrange for refreshments from Stonyfield Yogurt. Burr will schedule Judy Termosa for Trout in the Classroom. The CC considered a t-shirt giveaway for volunteers that day. Adult activities will also be scheduled such as a tour of first settlement with a raffle for a \$100 LL Bean or EMS gift certificate. Refreshments will be served, maybe by the Recreation Department BBQ. All proceeds would benefit the Rail Trail. Tickets will be sold on the day of the event and before.

**Other Items:**

- The Byam/Thibeault property Purchase and Sale Agreement is in place contingent on town vote and engineering.

Gerry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Laura seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted, Maralyn Segien

**Action Items:**

- Jay-Confirm Bob Todd for 4 CC tasks that are backlogged in Bob's office.
- Amy-Write to Jason Pocrant and John Shea confirming their interest in helping work on the Rail Trail
- Gerry-Install signs at every Rail Trail entrance asking for volunteers.
- Barbara-Order signs
- Rebecca-Brochure design All-write-ups due in March 2013
- Barbara-Trail Maps
- Barbara and Gerry-Research electronic and manual tools for the Conservation Commission
- Laura and Gerry will attend 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration planning meetings
- Gerry and Burr-Kiosk design
- TBD-Master Plan
- Laura-Planning Board and Sitewalk attendance as needed
- Amy-Reply to Gordon Russell per April meeting
- All-Desired Rail Trail kiosks, park benches or picnic areas should be noted now and submitted to DES. Burr asked CC members to walk the trail and consider where to put kiosks, park benches, picnic areas and things to make the trail more accessible to all.
- All-Review and add to documents uploaded on Google Drive
- All-Consider events to be held on Rail Trail Day
- Burr-Publish an article in the New Boston Bulletin to educate residents about taking water from the river.
- Barbara and Maralyn-Filing
- Barbara-Campbell Pond research
- Amy-Send a letter to Lisa Ferro of Butterfield Mill Road about her concerns about logging on Lyndeborough Road
- Amy-Write to the PLC about Saunders Pasture project
- Mail "My Healthy Stream"
- Prepare for NH Association of Conservation Commissions meeting
- Gerry-Research and purchase a Rubbermaid shed
- Burr-Meet with Willard Dodge to discuss sharing the revenues from the Zombie Race
- All-Monitoring training
- Burr-Research grants and donations from Stonyfield Farm
- Laura-find signs for Twin Bridge access road
- Laura-train Maralyn in deed research with Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds
- All-think of a name for the new Twin Bridge area considering its location and history. Determine how it will be monitored and signed. Add to the brochure