

New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC)

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2013

Members In Attendance: Burr Tupper, Rebecca Balke, Laura Bernard, Gerry Cornett

Members Absent: Jay Webber, Amy Elkes-Simon, Mike DePetrillo, Barbara Thompson, Tom Morgan

Guests In Attendance: None.

Secretary's Report: The members reviewed the February 2013 minutes and changes from Barbara. The action items list was revised. Gerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Laura seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca reported the Open Space account has \$382,141.32 and the Conservation Commission account has \$628,126.46 of which \$100,000 is pledged for the Thibeault land purchase. The Warrant Article to purchase the land didn't pass and the money didn't go out. Burr suggested to Ken Lombard he speak to Thibeault representatives about subdividing for conservation the front parcel of the property that was planned for conservation. Laura moved to approve the treasurer's report. Gerry seconded the motion. All approved.

Signage: Gerry reported this project is progressing slowly. Barbara is cataloging with GPS and created a spreadsheet that the CC reviewed.

Twin Bridge Property Discussion: Town Attorney Bill Drescher responded with the opinion that the proposed deed from Twin Bridge Land Management is completely acceptable and with some additional comments. The deed was sent to Ken Lombard and Ian McSweeney to get their attorney to sign off. The CC will move ahead now as if the town owns it and include it in the brochure. Burr prepared his draft summary of the Twin Bridge property for the brochure. The CC considered names for the area. Gerry moved to refer to this area as West Lull Conservation Area. Rebecca seconded the motion. All approved.

Rail Trail Update: Burr met with Rail Trail Committee member Lee Brown Thursday and is going to speak with 4H Caretaker Willard Dodge for an adjustment to the right of way. Lee sent Burr a MOA from DRED that Burr sent to Town Attorney Bill Drescher for his opinion. The Rail Trail Committee wants to start work in April. A volunteer group continues to do work there. Lee will speak with Town Engineer Kevin Leonard to prepare a worklist for 2013. The account has \$38,353 in revenues and \$30,904 in expenses. More money may be needed. Burr will call Dan Cyr at Bay State for a logging quote.

Brochure Updates and Review: Rebecca is preparing write-ups of the Scofield and Bog Brook properties for the brochure including history of the property and wildlife. She

will speak with Cyndie Wilson and the two people that maintain Scofield trail for this information.

Monitoring Dates and Properties: Nothing to report this month.

Correspondence:

- Lauren from NH Wildlife sent a request for permission to access town land for a blanding turtle survey. Laura will respond with CC permission to any Conservation properties and she will be referred to the Forestry Commission and Cyndie Wilson for information.
- Barbara prepared a list of trail work dreams/proposals where she listed areas that need trail work such as the Clark Swamp overlook that is overgrown and needs work. This is not a CC property. There are other areas listed as well such as a birdwatching boardwalk at Bog Brook. If volunteers want to work on this the CC will pay for it. Proper permits from NH DES would be required. Barbara noted some work to be done at Lyndeborough Road Conservation Area but work is not permitted her per the deed. She suggested clearing a parking area for the Rail Trail at Parker Road. Copies of this list will be distributed to all Conservation Commission members and posted to Google Docs.

Open Discussion:

- Gerry attended the recent Zombie Race meeting. The committee is looking for sponsors and fundraising. Laura suggested advertising for Shutterbugz as they took phenomenal pictures last year and donate a portion of their proceeds to the Rail Trail. Stonyfield, EMS and Jetboil were also considered for potential sponsors. Burr will e-mail Amy about this.
- Burr will e-mail all CC members regarding participation and upcoming projects. Laura suggested the call-in number be sent with meeting agendas and members can attend by conference call. Additional members will be recruited such as Linda and Chip Young, Janet White and the new residents on Clark Hill Road that contacted the CC last year. An article will be published in the New Boston Bulletin.

Laura moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Gerry 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.
- Rebecca-Brochure design All-write-ups due in March 2013

- Barbara-Trail Maps marking and color coding
- Laura and Gerry will attend 250th Celebration planning meetings
- TBD-Master Plan. Let Planning Board know CC is willing to help when they get to that portion.
- Laura-Planning Board and Sitewalk attendance as needed
- 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
- 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
- Burr-call Dan Cyr at Bay State for a logging quote.
- Laura-respond to Lauren from NH Wildlife
- Burr- e-mail Amy about potential Zombie Race sponsors
- Burr-e-mail all CC members regarding participation, upcoming projects and recruiting new members