

New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC)

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2013

Members In Attendance: Burr Tupper, Rebecca Balke, Laura Bernard, Gerry Cornett, Amy Elkes-Simon (7:40)

Members Absent: Jay Webber, Mike DePetrillo, Barbara Thompson, Tom Morgan

Guests In Attendance: Doug Martin and Sam Wiggin

Secretary's Report: The members reviewed the March 2013 minutes. Gerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Laura seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca reported the report is not ready, as she has not received the March bank statement yet.

Signage: Gerry reported he is working on marking 3500 signs to be put up on the trails soon.

Twin Bridge Property Discussion: Ian McSweeney gave the deed to his organization's attorney to sign off. The CC is waiting for an update from Ian. Signs will be installed on the right of way.

Rail Trail Update: Burr spoke with Town Attorney Bill Drescher who had minor changes for the MOA with DRED regarding ATV use. Burr passed these suggestions on to Rail Trail Committee member Lee Brown. The lines for the right of way need to be resurveyed. Burr sent an e-mail to Lee asking the Rail Trail Committee to begin meeting again to schedule work on the trail. Burr called Dan Cyr of Bay State Forestry for bids for timber extraction.

Brochure Updates and Review: Tom completed his write-up. Laura will get it from him by e-mail. Rebecca completed one write up and asked Maralyn to research the history of some properties.

Monitoring Dates and Properties: Nothing to report this month.

Project update from minutes:

- Burr asked Amy about giveaways and sponsorships from Stonyfield Yogurt.
- A townwide contest to design a logo for the CC to print on T-shirts/hats/waterbottles was discussed
- Action items list revised

Open Discussion:

- The Zombie Race will take place on Sunday, October 6th this year.

- Sam and Doug were given membership applications and Conservation Committee handbooks.

Laura moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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-Brochure write-ups
- Barbara-Trail Maps marking and color coding. Barbara and Rebecca will meet in May
- Laura 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
- Laura-find signs for Twin Bridge access road
- Burr-e-mail all CC members regarding participation, upcoming projects and recruiting new members
- Gerry and Laura to meet to discuss technology and engage appropriate resources.