

New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC)

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2013

Members In Attendance: Burr Tupper, Rebecca Balke, Laura Bernard, Gerry Cornett, Tom Morgan, Barbara Thomson

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

Guests In Attendance: Mark Debowski

Secretary's Report: The members reviewed the second draft of the April 2013 minutes. Gerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tom seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca reported the account totals \$628,151.76 with the Open Space portion at \$382,168.79. Gerry moved to approve the treasurer's report. Tom seconded the motion. All approved.

Kiosk Purchase for Rail Trail: Two kiosks are being considered for the Rail Trail and one in town to advertise the Rail Trail and Conservation properties, maybe near the Recreation office. John McGee from NH Fish and Game wants to post information about floater mussels on a kiosk. The Rail Trail Committee discussed this at their recent meeting. The kiosk should be installed before the September 14 Day On The Rail Trail event. Laura found some kiosks that can be ordered from a catalog. They are made of recycled plastic and come in various sizes. Laura moved to purchase one green two-sided large message board with posts for the amount of \$911. Tom seconded the motion. All approved. Another smaller kiosk will be considered for the area in the future.

Discussion: Property Projects for Spring and Summer: The properties and upcoming projects at each were discussed as follows:

- Saunders Pasture: A trail work day took place last weekend. Burr will write thank you notes to the Piscataquog Area Trailway group, Kim DiPietro and Linda Kunhardt for their work that day. There are still some issues at the property including drainage, which could be helped by adding rocks or logs in two places. More trail guides need to be put out in the Town Hall lobby. A small one-sided kiosk at \$300 will be considered for this property.
- Betsy Dodge and Lyndeborough Road properties: Burr will follow up on the status of the surveys with surveyor Bob Todd.
- Burr will talk with Willard Dodge as he has said he can get telephone poles with cedar planks to use for bridges and get them in to the trails to install. A trail work day will be scheduled.

Twin Bridge Property Discussion: Laura visited Wright Rd with Ian McSweeney and Tris Gordon and Bob H signed Warranty Deed. The property needs acceptance by the Conservation Commission and Selectmen. Boundary signs will be installed once the

deed is signed by all. Laura will ask the Road Agent if he has metal poles for the signs. Tom Carr will do the boundary work next week. A time will be scheduled to get people together to flag.

Rail Trail Update: Burr, Willard, Dan Cyr and Lee Brown walked the trail one week ago to review the work that needs to be done. Dan was asked to prepare a proposal. Willard will remove a large tree that has fallen across the trail. The Committee decided to leave the trail where it is although it is off the original trail. Jackie Moulton's group will be scheduled for work on the trail. Sandford Engineering is to recalculate the right of way easement boundaries.

Brochure Updates and Review Updates: Tom completed the write up for the Lyndeborough Road property. Other write-ups are pending. Barbara will work on color-coding on the large map. GIS will be considered and a company is scheduled to present to the town at an all boards meeting on this subject. Burr will attend.

250th Day on the Rail Trail: The date might be changed to Sunday September 15 not Saturday the 14th. A first settlement tour will be considered, lead by Dan Rothman. Judy Timosa from Fish and Game will hold river walk activities. A nature treasure hunt, fairy house design station, geocaching and a cub scout demonstration are planned. Amy will check with Stoneyfield about providing refreshments. Hot dog refreshments will also be served. A town wide mailing will go out with the schedule of events that day and it will be advertised in the school's Thursday notice. Laura will ask Firefighter Bob LaPointe if he will do a hand pumper demonstration that day. Any other ideas or volunteers are welcome.

Signage: Gerry reported most signs are ready but not yet hung up. Barbara will order signs for Saunders Pasture as discussed at the April meeting.

Purchase T-Shirts for Conservation Rangers: A Conservation Commission and Ranger logo as discussed at the April meeting is needed. The members considered advertising a contest for a logo design in the New Boston Bulletin or ask an artist to create one.

Open Discussion:

- Burr will prepare a letter of appreciation to Bo Strong for his donation of five yards of CBR gravel valued at \$35.
- Plans for the Riverdale Road Bridge from engineers Hoyle Tanner were reviewed.
- DES will present at the library May 6 at 6:30 regarding the NH Geological Survey of Fluvial Geology Study to discuss potential grants available. Burr will attend. CC members are encouraged to attend.
- Sam Wiggin e-mailed and said he is unable to join the CC at this time.

Laura moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Tom seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted, Maralyn Segien

Action Items:

Person	Date Due	Description	Date Completed
Burr		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		Attend 250 th Celebration planning meetings	
TBD		Master Plan. Let Planning Board know CC is willing to help when they get to that portion.	
All		Consider events to be held on Rail Trail Day	
Laura		Planning Board and Sitewalk attendance as needed	
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		Meet to discuss technology and engage appropriate resources.	
Laura		Ask the Road Agent if he has metal poles for the signs to be installed at the Twin Bridge property	
Laura		Ask Firefighter Bob LaPointe if he will do a hand pumper demonstration at the Day on the Rail Trail event	
Barbara		Order signs for Saunders Pasture	
Burr		Prepare a letter of appreciation to Bo Strong for his donation	