New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC) Meeting Minutes January 9, 2014

Members In Attendance: Burr Tupper, Laura Bernard, Tom Morgan, Mark Debowski, Gerry Cornett, Amy Elkes-Simon. Quorum reached.

Members Absent: Barbara Thompson, Rebecca Balke, Mike DePetrillo, Jay Webber

Guests In Attendance: Betsy Whitman

Secretary's Report: Laura moved that the CC adopt the December minutes as presented. Seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Deferred as the treasurer was absent.

Request from Joe English Scouts: The Conservation Commission approved Kevin King's request to allow the Joe English Scouts to install bat houses on conservation land and to have a sledding party and bonfire at Saunders Pasture this winter. The scouts will notify the Police and Fire Departments of the event that will probably take place during February vacation.

Wetlands Permit Application: An application came in for a driveway across a wetland with a culvert, replacing and resizing the existing culvert at 164 Bedford Road, map/lot 8-78-2, 8-78 and 8-78-1. This was applied for post-permit and the Planning Board approved it without penalty. The Committee accepted the application and agreed that Burr should sign the application.

Signage: Discussed.

Brochure: Gerry moved to allocate \$500 for Ben toward designing the brochure. Seconded. Approved.

Rail Trail Update: Discussed.

Conservation Parcel Update: Discussed including Bill Dodge did a great job mowing Saunders Pasture which cost \$540.

Open Discussion:

- The Conservation Commission discussed storage and distribution of fallen wood on trails.
- Laura reported eight properties came out of current use.
- Laura researched the property identification of the resident along River Road that was observed emptying vehicle fluids directly onto his property across from the river as discussed at the December meeting and spoke to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter about it.

Gerry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Seconded. Approved.

Respectfully submitted, Maralyn Segien