

New Boston Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 July 2011

Location: 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, New Boston, NH

Committee Members Present:

Ken Lombard (Chair)

Pete Moloney

Nathan Simon

Bob Todd

David Woodbury

Other Attendees:

Ian McSweeney (Russell Foundation)

1. Decision Items

1.1. Marden property (3-9,6-12)

- 1.1.1. Resolved to request authorization from the New Boston Conservation Commission to disburse funds to pay the full cost of the easement up front and apply for subsequent reimbursement for easement costs equivalent to 50 percent of the appraised value from FRPP.

1.2. DeRoetth property-Bailey Pond (11-20, 54)

- 1.2.1. Resolved to request authorization from the New Boston Conservation Commission for funding to mark property boundaries.

2. Discussion Items

2.1. Marden property (3-9,6-12)

2.1.1.Issue: Appraisal approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as part of easement application to the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP). Easement cost expected to be three-quarters of appraised value, with FRPP funding one-half of the appraised value and the New Boston Open Space Committee funding one-quarter of the appraised value. The property is approximately 20 acres and abuts existing conservation property.

2.1.2.Actions: Ken Lombard to complete baseline document. NRCS to complete conservation plan in coordination with the NRCS county office.

2.2. DeRoetth property-Bailey Pond (11-20, 54)

2.2.1.Issue: Easement language agreed to allow five lots to be excluded with locations to be determined in the future subject to 500 foot buffers around the pond and access road. Language added to easement to limit sale of lots to family members, including children and grandchildren.

2.2.2.Actions: Ken Lombard to prepare baseline document with assistance from Gordon Russell.

2.3. Day property (15-39)

2.3.1.Issue: Property is 110 acres and connects the Pulpit Rock Reserve (Bedford, NH) and the Tracking Station.

2.3.2.Actions: Pending update from Mike Speltz (SPNHF) on outcome of discussion with the landowner.

2.4. Swinford property (2-15)

2.4.1.Issue: Landowner applied for a grant for an easement from the USDA's Wetlands Reserve Program, a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The proposed easement comprises approximately 15 acres along Peacock Brook that connects two existing conservation properties. Noted that all Wetlands Reserve Program funds committed for 2011, so decision on application not expected prior to 2012.

2.4.2.Actions: N/A

2.5. Robitaille property (1-53)

2.5.1.Issue: Landowner proposed easement grant to Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC). PLC indicated it may request funding from New Boston Open Space Committee for transaction costs. Property approximately 30 acres across NH 136 from existing conservation property.

2.5.2.Actions: Pending request from PLC.

2.6. Thibeault Corporation property (6-40,45)

2.6.1. Issue: Ken Lombard and David Woodbury met with representative of Thibeault Corporation.

2.6.2. Actions: Meeting between the New Boston Selectmen and the Thibeault Corporation to discuss the terms of a purchase agreement scheduled for 1 August 2011.

3. Information Sessions

3.1. N/A

4. Easement Monitoring Activities

4.1. N/A

5. Committee Administration Activities

5.1. Next meeting: 22 August 2011, 7:30PM