

## **New Boston Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: 20 June 2011

Location: 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, New Boston, NH

Committee Members Present:

Ken Lombard (Chair)

David Ely

Mary Koon

Nathan Simon

David Woodbury

Other Attendees: N/A

### **1. Decision Items**

1.1. N/A

### **2. Discussion Items**

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

2.1.1.Issue: Appraisal received for FRPP easement application. 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 prepare baseline document.

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.

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: Meeting at Tracking Station to explore opportunities to collaborate attended by representatives of Bedford Land Trust, Bedford Conservation Commission, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and New Boston Open Space Committee. Mike Speltz of the Forest Society contacted the Bedford Conservation Commission to initiate contact with the landowner. 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 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.

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. Twinbridge subdivision (3-5)

2.6.1. Issue: Ken Lombard participated in a walk along the boundaries of the conservation portion of the subdivision. Ken took photos to document the boundaries in advance of construction activities.

2.6.2. Actions: N/A

#### 2.7. Thibeault Corporation property (6-40,45)

2.7.1. Issue: Ken Lombard corresponded in April with Thibeault Corporation to report on the New Boston Selectmen's March meeting and the results of the appraisal of the property. Ken recommended a meeting between the Selectmen and the Thibeault Corporation to discuss the terms of a purchase agreement.

2.7.2. Actions: Ken Lombard to arrange meeting with representative of the Corporation to discuss next steps.

### 3. Information Sessions

3.1. N/A

### 4. Easement Monitoring Activities

4.1. N/A

**5. Committee Administration Activities**

5.1. Next meeting: 18 July 2011, 7:30PM