

New Boston Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 20 August 2012

Location: 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, New Boston, NH

Committee Members Present:

Ken Lombard (Chair)

Ken Clinton

Mary Koon

Nathan Simon

Other Attendees:

Pat Murphy

Mitch LaRochelle

Ms. Trottier

Dave Sherman

(and others)

1. Decision Items

1.1. N/A

2. Discussion Items

2.1. Ancient Highways

2.1.1. Issue: Old town "roads" that have reverted to private ownership might be protected by easement and opened to the public as trails. Obtained town report on old roads from Planning Office and located old roads on town map. Emily Bronkhurst of New Hampshire Fish & Game's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program indicated willingness to evaluate value of old roads as wildlife corridors.

2.1.2.Actions: Evaluate map and consult Fish & Game.

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

2.2.1.Issue: Landowner reduced asking price and requested a special town meeting to approve purchase. Selectmen counter-offered.

2.2.2.Actions: N/A.

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

2.3.1.Issue: Funds from NRCS received.

2.3.2.Actions: Application documents to be updated.

2.4. Mohan property (14-84)

2.4.1.Issue: Property assessment completed.

2.4.2.Actions: Pending presentation of assessment to landowner.

2.5. Martin property (14-1)

2.5.1.Issue: Property assessment completed.

2.5.2.Actions: Present assessment to landowner and confirm intent to pursue easement financing through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP).

2.6. Agenda 21

2.6.1.Issue: Pat Murphy et al. attended the meeting to express their concern that the Open Space Committee may adopt the precepts of the United Nations Agenda 21, which was adopted by more than 178 Governments at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.

2.6.2.Actions: N/A.

3. Information Sessions

3.1. N/A

4. Easement Monitoring Activities

4.1. N/A

5. Committee Administration Activities

5.1. Next meeting: 17 September 2012, 7:30PM