

**West Newbury
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2011**

Members present: Dawne Fusco (chair), John Dimitry, Barry Fogel and Richard Spieler. Conservation agent Jay Smith and consultant Judith Mizner were present.

7:45pm. --- Discussion: Bennett site walk reviewed and alternatives discussed. The area between the paths and the stonewall and the reservoir were areas of particular concern. The order of conditions requires no cut areas which should be left in their natural state Ms. Bennett's representative asked for Commission members' views towards revegetating and enhancing the disturbed areas. He reported that a rope has been placed to block off an area that has been used for the dumping of clippings in and near a wetland resource area. There has been no further disturbance.

8:10pm. --- Discussion: Trails at Ocean Meadows. Deborah Hamilton, Felicity Beech and Amy Bresky presented an update. An informal group to support the trails – Friends of Ocean Meadows Trails – has been formed. The easement across the Lord property (formerly Downey) is not open at this time. Part of the trail on lot 1 has been completed by the developer and part has not. The trail on lot 2 has not been constructed. ECTA involvement, the need for a management plan for the development and maintenance of the trail on lot 2, and a letter to the developer concerning access to lot 2 for trail development, were discussed.

9:00pm. --- Other business:

The Commission discussed whether the Commission or the Open Space Committee should request legal assistance to determine the ownership of Bailey's Lane in connection with the possible movement of the trail on the property currently owned by Mr. Cena. After review of the Cena trail easement, the Commission decided that the request should come from Open Space.

The conservation restriction for lot 2 at Ocean Meadows was reviewed. Fusco moved to sign the restriction; Fogel seconded; vote in favor was unanimous.

9:13pm. Meeting adjourned.