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NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 4, 1999

Treasury - \$7,779.11 as of 10/19/99

Minutes read, edited, and approved.

Members present: Deb Keiner, Betsey Dodge, Ray Whittemore, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Schaffrath, Lou Maynard, Brenda Lind, and Bob Fehsinger

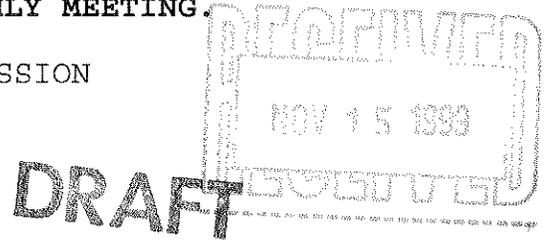
RR Footbridge - Betsey spoke to Sandy Chrystal, the State Permit Agent, and Betsey was told that there is a possibility that we would need no dredge and fill to work in the river. According to Ms. Chrystal this work does not involve "wetland activities".
WARRANT ARTICLE - Brenda will draft a Warrant Article to ask the Town for a loan of \$20,000.00. We will need these funds until we get reimbursed for work done on the bridge, and can repay the loan.

Peter Herbert - Mr. Herbert owns 6.5 acres along Route 13 on the Mont Vernon Road, across from highland Ave.. He would like to give the land to the town. The land is wet, and would be difficult to build on. The land is close to the Bunting Reserve, and Joe Nangle reports that it is definitely a wildlife corridor. Selectmen are in agreement with the acceptance of the land. It was noted that Mr. Marvel has had an interest in the land in the past. Brenda will word the deed with "deed restrictions". All members accepted with no opposition.

Chauncey - The Chauncey Development dredge & fill was not granted. a letter was sent to the owner asking for more information for a dredge & fill for the whole acreage, and not just one piece. CC was told that the application needed more work.

CIP - Discussion of the REPP and when it would be introduced to the Legislature. The CC discussed the future purchase of land. It was reported that Tom Mohan had already requested \$35,000.00 on behalf of FLESA, Forestry, and CC.

Marvel Land - Mr. Marvel met with members of the CC on Sunday, October 31, 1999 at his Tree Farm on Highland Road. The land is 143 acres that make up the Sunset Tree Farm. He would like to grant a conservation easement on the land but wants to be paid for the easement. His idea was that it would be public land, but the public would have to have his permission to walk it. Asking price was not definite. Brenda will speak to Mr. Marvel about the possibility of adding his land to the list of targeted lands to possibly be purchased with REPP funds in the future.



Discussion of Mr. Marvel's needs for proper Estate planning, and the possibility of other organizations that may be able to help him (New England Forestry Foundation). The CC did not vote, but the group agreed that this might be an expensive purchase for land that would continue to be "private".

Schofield - No.

Saunders Pasture - Letter from Town Counsel to burton Reynolds that the easement complies with all rules and regs.

Friendly Beaver - Quirk, 41 gravel pads are in place, and wetlands are evident. Joe shoed us a plan with "proposed areas of Development".

Middle Branch Grant - Helen Castles did a site walk with Bob today. CC had requested that we be allowed to leave all brush on the ground to decay, but that request was denied. She wants the brush removed and hauled to a brush pile, and will allow another brush pile. CC will schedule a work day to haul brush - 11/6/99, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Ms. Castles instructed us to plant grass when the area was clear.

Bob suggested that anyone who uses a chainsaw should be outfitted with chaps and a helmet for safety reasons. The grant we received for the piece is to cover hiring if need be. CC members are donating "in kind" labor. CC voted to allow expenses to maintain Bob's and Joe's chainsaws.

REPP - There will be a joint meeting with all boards, and Nicki will notify CC of the time for the meeting.

Fund Raiser - Deb brought up the idea of selling T-shirts with a New Boston logo as a fund raiser to put more dollars in the CC fund, in order to later purchase land, etc.. the group agreed with the idea, and Deb will write the Selectmen for their blessing.

CC Finance Report - Bob will take care of this.
Letter from E. Poole who is an Ecologist and Environmental Planner. EPA and Clean Water Action/

Land and Community Heritage - Citizens for NH land have a copy of "Introduction to Passing a Warrant", and how to submit it to the legislators. New Boston supports preserving land. (Brenda thought is was a good idea)

Alternates - check RSA on allowing alternates

Next CC meeting - Dec. 2, 1999.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Keiner

Nov., 1999.