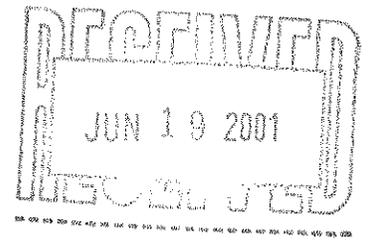


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



May 3, 2001

Members present: Deb Keiner, Rebecca Balke, Burr Tupper, Joe Nangle, Cyndie Wilson, Eric Thum, Kate Fitzpatrick, Brenda Lind, and Betsey Dodge;

Minutes of the April meeting were read, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - As of 5/3/01, \$9,542.11 and bridge account is \$1,684.73 Bridge account established (6 month CD).

Saunders Pasture - Stewardship - Rebecca, Burr, Brenda, and Betsey walked the Saunders Pasture land on Saturday, April 28, 2001. Land was described as having beautiful pine groves and a lovely view of the meadow. M Discussion of future parking location(s). Brenda suggested we invite John Nute of the Cooperative Extension Forestry Program come to give us advice on forest management. The current easement allows for 5 cars. (CC donated easement to PWA). Suggestion that when we contact John Newt that we also invite a member or representative of PWA to speak to issues regarding this land. Discussion of camping, but not considered to be a top priority.

Middle Branch - Betsey suggested that we will need one more day with the chipper to clear Phase II of the pasture. Must be completed to receive the grant money for Phase II. Work day scheduled for June 3, 2001 at 8:00AM. No rain date set. Mike Richards was available to offer to take the big trees prior to the work day. Bob Fehsinger to mark trees to be cut.

Piscataquog River Management Program - Mike Richards met with us to show us a brochure of the Merrimack River Clean-up Program. He talked about educating the public regarding river clean-up. There were suggestions to get the New Boston School children involved, and the possibility of CC sponsorship in terms of support and advertising a clean up day(s). Burr suggested an article for the New Boston Bulletin. There were suggestions of asking for help from St. Anselm's groups, and having them serve as teachers or guides for NB 5th and 6th graders. Side discussion of beaver dams and ponds and who can and cannot pull the beaver dam.

Wetlands Ordinance - Bob Todd will give us a full copy of the newest version of the Wetlands Ordinance. To be discussed at the June meeting.

Kris Stewart - This piece of land will be under new ownership, and has changed from 4 lots to 10 lots. The new owner wants to use the present culvert, and it was okay, so CC is waiting for the new owner to go to the PB with his plan.

Sigrid Williams - Property on Lyndeborough Road, Lot 10/80 and 81 and 82. Owner a and PB want CC approval of subdivision. There is a concern about Lot 10/80/1 and the wetlands designation. CC strongly recommends to the owner to build a house away from the wetlands so as not to negatively impact the wetlands. We ask that this recommendation be stated in the plan.

Gingrich - Wilson Hill Road, Lots 9/18/1 and 9/18/2. CC has no concerns. A lot line was moved to avoid a swale.

Household hazardous Waste - Haz. waste Day to be held on 5/19/01 at the Landfill. Betsey assumes

that the high school girls will be there. Joe, Eric, and Burr to attend.

Mill Pond Area - Brenda discussed the parking issue again with Selectmen and brought the issue back to CC to report. Selectmen wrote to Mr. Morrisey in march with a counter proposal on the parking issue, and Mr. M has yet to respond. CC will not move forward without Select approval. Burr and Brenda to attend Select meeting, and we understand that the Selectmen will respond prior to 6/7/01.

Delorey - Clark Hill Road; Joe did letter to Selectmen and the letter is on file. No further issues for CC. "No wetland showing on survey maps."

Letter from Forestry - CC received a very nice letter from Bob Todd and the Forestry Committee. Forestry would like to work with CC on an open space plan, and get together to get local funding. CC would like to know when Forestry will do a reconnaissance tour of the Sherburne property, so that CC can attend the site walk. Bob also offered CC use of the GPS machine to map CC areas. It was suggested that Art Sicilano, surveyor, get a disc of the Saunders Pasture lot. Burr, Joe, and Eric offered to use the GPS machine to map CC areas when the machine is available. Those using the machine will need a one day training program and a digital base map. Deb to do letter to Forestry to ask about the time of the reconnaissance tour and to thank them in advance for the use of the GPS machine.

FLESA - Committee is waiting for special data. Bob Todd discussed expanding the FLESA study.

New members - Kate Fitzpatrick and Eric Thum have signed on to be alternates on the CC.

State Dept. of Forests and Lands - Brenda received a phone call from this organization regarding timber harvesting on the Lang State Forest. Bob Todd, a guest at our meeting, was concerned with whether or not they would take the white oak.

Audubon Brochure - New brochure has been sent to Conservation Commissions and other organizations.

Storm Watch - Vortechincs (?)

Planning & Zoning Conference - Scheduled for May 12, 2001, 8:00 - 3:00, at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, NH.

Money from Second Grade Class - CC has received \$120 from Mrs. Mansfield's second grade class. CC had a discussion about how the money should be used. Cyndie suggested that the money be used for the cost of the signs. Other suggestions were made, including a suggestion about bringing in an Audubon specialist to do an education program. Betsey will talk to Mrs. Mansfield to ask her opinion on the use of the funds.

Reappointments to CC - Bob Fehsinger, Brenda Lind and Cyndie Wilson have been reappointed for another 3 year term.

Questions raised - Eric raised questions about the Bailey Pond area and his concern with the trash left there.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah T. Keiner

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