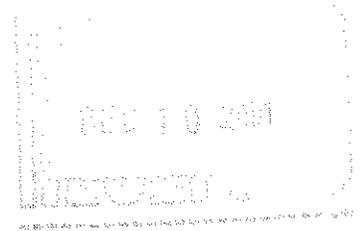


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nov. 1, 2001



Members present: Betsey Dodge, Deb Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Shaffrath, Eric Thum, and Burr Tupper

Minutes of the October meeting were read, edited, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - As of 11/1/01, \$ 9,964.47, and bridge account is \$1,718.63 (6 mo CD).

Beaver Control at Middle Branch - Joe presented his idea of how to control the beaver problem. The idea included a pipe on the down stream side and that pipe would have a perforated cap. A Motion was made that the CC would proceed at their discretion for design and implementation of beaver control and the design and expenses not to exceed \$500.00 as reviewed on 11/1/01. Burr made the motion, Brenda seconded, and it passed.

Mill Pond - Brenda brought issues of procedure on the meetings, and informed us that she had spoken to Burton about the fact that we can amend the minutes of a meeting as long as it is done prior to adjournment. She will also bring us more information about the "Right to Know" act as it relates to public discussion. On the Morrissey issue related to the previous offer to give us a Handicap parking space outside of the area, we are to make certain that the reasons we did not accept this offer are made clear to Jed Callen and to the public.

Jed Callen spoke at the Selectmen's meeting, and told the public then that the CC had held an illegal meeting without public notice pertaining to the Mill Pond area. Let the minutes show that the following occurred: At its September 6 meeting, the Conservation Commission asked the Land Committee of the Conservation Commission to review all public comments received on the Mill Pond plan and present initial recommendations for discussion at the Oct. 4 Concom meeting. After Sept. 15, (the end of the public comment period), Brenda polled Land Committee members, Burr, Rebecca and Ray, and determined that, due to conflicting travel schedules, they could not meet to review comments. Therefore, no meeting was held. However, at Brenda's suggestion, the members individually reviewed the public comments, made individual suggestions for amendments to the plan based on public comments, and circulated these via Email to Land Committee members. Brenda identified areas of agreement among the members' suggestions, and the group agreed to present these points to the full Commission to begin discussion at the Oct. 4 meeting. **The reasons for not accepting the Handicapped** Parking area offered by the Morrisseys were the following: The CC really wanted two spaces, and were not aware of the need of a handicap space until just prior to the Sept. meeting.. In addition, the CC wanted parking available for non-handicap visitors. Burr remembered discussing the reasons as to not accept the one parking space offered.

On the issue of the possible purchase of a small triangle of land from Mr. Morrissey, which was discussed on Oct. 25, 2001, the CC voted to extend the offer. A phone call with Brenda Lind and Jed Callen listed two concerns: 1. He will file an injunction with the Court to prevent us from doing the parking spaces; and 2. Where is the location of the 2 parking spaces to be purchased?

CC question is "Where does the line between the Morrissey property and the Parker Property cross the road?"

Brenda was informed that the Town Assessor is available on 11/2/01 at 11:30AM. Brenda will ask the assessor to meet with Co. members to assess the triangular piece of property for the proposed parking (Plan B). Once the piece is assessed, it will provide us with a gauge of what we can or cannot offer. If the value is within reason, CC to meet on 11/8 or 11/15. Brenda also read a letter from L. Nixon, Town Counsel. Brenda to do letter to Jed Callen stating we will not cut any trees (Plan A) until after Dec. 6th atg.

Powers - Bog Road; Betsey read a letter from Margaret Foss regarding the condition of the road, and explaining that Mr. Powers was liable for the land use and erosion.

Robert Briere - This Expedited Dredge and Fill is okay, and Betsey signed off on it.

LCIP Monitoring - Townes Piece - Mary Carol, Burr, Deb, and Eric to monitor on 11/11 at 1:00PM (meet at Town Hall). Mill Pond - Joe, Brenda and Betsey to monitor.

Chauncey Devel - Bedford Road; CC discussed the proposed easement for this piece of property. The property is located on Campbell Pond Road (near Bedford and McCurdy Roads). The owners have allowed for public access. The easement has been drafted, and Brenda reviewed it, and made some changes. She suggested that the wetland boundaries or buffer boundaries be blazed in paint at the 20' to 30' setback line. A Motion was made to accept the Easement on the Chauncey property with the wetlands clearly delineated. CC recommends to the Selectmen to accept the Easement. The Motion passed.

Kris Stewart - McCollum Road, Rightway builders, Lot 13/42; The purpose of this dredge and fill was to cross a wetland to get to a gravel bank and take the gravel out. The proposal is to build 10 houses, and the road must be constructed. The culvert proposed is 150' X 48". A site walk is necessary, and Joe Burr, and Eric will meet on 11/13 at 10:30AM to do the site walk. Brenda suggested they build a bridge rather than put in such a large culvert.

Open Space - Burton Reynolds sent out a letter asking people to volunteer for the Open Space Committee. They will meet on 11/4 at 7:30PM, and Eric and Joe will attend.

Land Use Tax - Letter received from Kim DiPetro re: changes.

Open House - An Open House for Newcomers is scheduled for _____

Signs to be posted - Signs for the conservation areas to be obtained from the State Prison or State Highway Dept. Joe will get the posts from the landfill.

NHACC - Eric is scheduled to go.

Cyndie - David Wilson died on 10/31, and the CC would like to do something in his memory. Suggestions of a sign or plaque by a trail.

Municipal Law Series - Deb attended and didn't receive much info pertinent to CC.

Meeting adjourned 9:45PM. Next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah T. Keiner

Nov., 2001