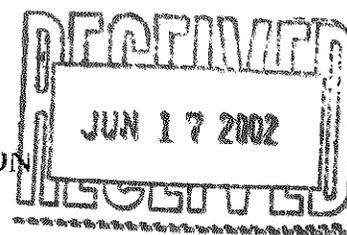


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



May 2, 2002

**Members present:** Rebecca Balke, Betsey Dodge, Deborah Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joseph Nangle, Mary Carol Schallraih, Joe Taggart, Eric Thum, and Burr Tupper  
Rebecca and Kate not able to make it. Ray Whitmore (alternate)

**Treasurer's Report** - \$17,235.28 and \$1,718.63+ in bridge account; Discussion about checkbooks of town organizations now being held by the Town Treasurer, and, in order to get checks paid, CC treas. Must do a check request to get money. Rebecca to do letter to Burton re: how and what money is held.

Minutes of April meeting read by Burr, edited, and accepted;

**Mill Pond** - Discussion of Selectmen meeting April 2002 with Town Counsel, Leslie Nixon, and in attendance for CC - Brenda Lind, Joe Nangle, Deb Keiner, Burr Tupper. CC was encouraged to start work on the parking area inside the conservation Area (may 4, 2002, 9:00AM)

**Work Plan** - CC members were told to bring hand saws, surveyor tape (Eric), and signs. They are to discuss boundary plantings, signs, and stake out the parking area and delineate where the plantings are to be placed. A proposal was made to ask Lee Murray to start digging after the May 4<sup>th</sup> work day, but before the June meeting of CC.

**Saunders Pasture** - A site walk was done on this area on 4/27 by Eric, Burr, Joe N. and Joe T.. They have come up with the following plan, and the plan is attached to these minutes.

CC talked about a management plan, and will start to work on said plan. Brenda suggested using the Mill Pond Plan as a template or guide for the Saunders Management Plan. The group agreed that the plan should be in writing before implementation. It was suggested that CC would need a Forest Plan for the area once the Management Plan was complete. Joe Taggart had suggestions for the selective logging, and the group talked about parking, and various spots for such.

On Thursday, 5/16, the Subcommittee or Land Committee will meet at 7:30 - Brenda, Joe, Joe, Eric, Rebecca and Burr.

**Open Space** - Eric reported that the Committee will walk the Fulfill Property on Tucker Mill Road on May 9 at 4:30PM. This property is on the list of desired properties, and the owner has been cooperative in discussing an easement on his property. This is a 190 acre piece of land. Granam Pendleberry is the liaison (PWA and Open Space). The Committee continues to review the 10 properties that were targeted in 1998.

**Barnett Land** - Joe wrote to Richard Tichko at NH Fish and Game about the 63 acre piece on West Lull that borders the Piscataquog River. Letter in CC file. They cannot help buy the land. Price is listed at 485K.

**Compost Bins** - Compost Bins are for sale at the recycling center.

**Mark Howarth land** - This property is located on the corner of Lincoln and Foxberry, and neighbors reported that there was work being done without a permit. The State was advised and the owners have received a letter from the state. They were dredging an area on their property and filling a wetland.

**Robert Gilmore** - Landscape Consulting, Contracting & Design, Goffstown - Mr Gilmore was asked by Betsey if he would write a proposal for a naturalistic park on the grounds adjacent to the Footbridge over the Middle Branch of the Piscataquog. Brenda's main concern was that we do not own the land because it is State land. CC discussed the content of the letter, and there were many opinions. Some did not like the idea of a picnic table or the planting of Vinca. Mountain Laurel would be expensive, and 50 bushes sounded like over-kill. Overall, most considered the letter helpful for identification of the trees, and plants, but most thought that the idea of a park was not the right use of this property. We were reminded by the ever thorough and diplomatic Brenda, that we are still obligated to finish the parking area at the site. If we are to do anything in terms of a "park", we must get the state's permission. Betsey to call Bill Carpenter at the State level to talk to him about the ideas.

**Silva Homesite** - Bog Brook Road, on the former Powers land. The owners have received a letter from the state ordering them to stabilize the erosion on the side of the steep driveway. Owners are Glen and Jean Silva.

**Lifewise community Project** - Third graders at New Boston Central did a project on keeping water supplies safe.

**Maurice Kiely** - Property located on Route 136. Maurice and Laura Kiely moved to Virginia, and sold their property on Route 136, but retained 5.8 acres of wetland which did not get sold to the new owners. They would like to deed the property to the town to avoid further property taxes on a piece of land that is not buildable. Discussion of whether or not to accept it or give it to the PWA. Brenda to write to PWA, and send them a copy of the letter from the Kiely's. CC voted and agreed to ask the PWA to accept the land.

**Eiremann** - Mrs. Eiremann has written to the State Forester.

**wooly Adeigid** - This bug sucks the juices of hemlocks and kills them. Betsey learned

of this varmint from Project Web.

Jeanne Procopis - Bedford Land Trust - 472-5950; This Land Trust is connecting with Amherst and New Boston, hoping to work together on common land issues and possible connections between towns. June 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:30PM. (changed to June 11<sup>th</sup>) Old Fire Station behind old Town Hall in Bedford. Do we send a representative. Burr to attend?

Betsy to ask Burton or Town Treasurer about how to pay for NHACC Handbooks. 3 Handbooks purchased.

Friends of NBCC - Burr, Joe, Joe, and Eric met and drafted a Proposal for the Establishment of the "Friends of New Boston Conservation". Their objectives and Goals were listed on the attached piece. The CC voted to endorse the efforts of the subcommittee and the project of the Friends of NBCC.

Meeting adjourned 9:50PM, next meeting scheduled for June 6, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Keener  
Secretary

May, 2002