



NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dec. 5, 2002

Members present: Rebecca Balke, Betsey Dodge, Deborah Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joseph Nangle, Joe Taggart, Eric Thum, and Burr Tupper; Mary Carol not able to present for personal reasons;

Minutes of Nov. 2002 meeting read, edited, and accepted;

Treasurer's Report - \$ 17,208.26;

Brenda Lind has requested a move to an alternate position on the board. She will concentrate on the Open Space Committee. Deb made the Motion and Joe N. seconded. All agreed. Burr Tupper will move to the full member position.

Mill Pond - Burr reported that the "handicap parking" sign has been posted. The "dusk to dawn" signs cost \$70, so Burr opted to talk to the CC before purchase. Other signs are up, and the parking lot has been graded. The original gate should be taken down, and moved or used on another area.

A letter was read from Town Counsel, and the Supreme Court has accepted the appeal, but with no oral argument. Transcripts are to be in by 2/19/03.

WHIPP Grant - Middle Branch - Deb Weymouth is the new Liason for SCS. Betsey filled out the paperwork to request the WHIPP money for the clearing at Middle Branch. Any excess money will go to seeding at Saunders pasture. Eric and Joe N. will complete the forms for the WHIPP money.

Saunders Pasture - It was suggested that we spot treat with seeding, and prune the fruit trees. Brenda reminded us of John Nute's plan - that we leave the hardwood sprouts in order to feed the wild animals. It has been suggested that we have the field mowed every other year. Eric, Joe N. and Joe T. to write a plan for restoration efforts as discussed.

New Boston Bulletin - Thank you to Joe for a well-written article on the Saunders Pasture area.

Open Space - The Open Space Committee met with the Finance Committee on 12/4/02. Burr made a printout regarding Land Acquisition. It was a very compelling argument for the importance of land acquisition for open space. The Finance committee encouraged CC and Open Space to ask for 60% of the current Use monies with 10% to continue to go to the conservation Fund. Open Space will write the Warrant Article for the 60% of Current Use funds. Open Space to do a flyer to be mailed - cost approx. \$500. Bob Todd to do article for the NBB for the January, 2003 issue.

Newcomers - Burr represented the Conservation Committee at a Newcomers Gathering at Pat Jennings on Nov. 17, 2002. He spoke to several families and encouraged people to use the trails, and help with maintenance if they were so inclined.

I-93 Expansion - It is reported that I-93 will expanded to 8 lanes from the Massachusetts

border to Manchester, NH. Abutting towns have some say in the issue, but outlying towns are allowed no input. Meeting on Dec. 11, 2002 at Goffstown High School.

Railroad Trail - The small bridge on the railroad trail between Gregg Mill and the 4H grounds is in horrible shape and very dangerous. Joe N. discussed with us his plan to reconstruct the bridge. A resident of the town is willing to donate 4 X4 oak beams, 8' long. The committee discussed using the donated beams for a kiosk to hold information for hikers. CC has tentative plans to construct the bridge in mid-January, 2003.

UNH Student Project - This is a senior project at UNH. They are researching natural resources.

Bluebird Nesting - Joe N. to help build bluebird nests. It was suggested that we ask the second graders or the Boy Scouts to participate. We need 2 nests at Middle Branch, and 8 nests at Saunders Pasture.

UNH Extension - Seminar of "Building Communities from the Grassroots" to be held on March 30 to April 4, 2003 in Meredith, NH (\$498 full, \$155 if commuting)

Skateboard Park - Betsey has talked to people who are speaking for the young men who are raising money for a skateboard park in New Boston. The Skateboard Committee is looking at a piece of land on Depot Street near the bridge. Betsey has asked that they get soil samples. There is some question about whether or not the land is considered a wetland. The Skate Comm. is meeting Dec. 10, and Burr will attend. CC would like a full study, DES recommendations, and has questions about parking, and the danger of being near Route 13. Lee Brown is the Chairman of the Skate Comm..

Thibeault - A Cease & Desist has been ordered by the State of NH; Inkberry Road; R J Moreau is the builder. Betsey did an onsite and found that they were paving after the "Cease & Desist" had been ordered.. They have requested a dredge and fill for a culvert to cross a stream to access Lot 45. Betsey will not sign off on it CC is concerned with runoff from the driveway into the brook. There has been lots of erosion in the past from this area. Burr made a motion to not sign off and Deb seconded. It passed.

Two January meetings: January 9, and January 23, 2003. Adjourn 9:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Keiner
Secretary

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