



NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Feb. 6, 2003

Members present: Rebecca Balke, Betsey Dodge, Kate Fitzpatrick, Deborah Keiner, Joe Nangle, Joe Taggart, Eric Thum, and Mary Carol Schaffrath.
Minutes of Jan 23 2003 meeting read, edited, and accepted;

Treasurer's Report - \$ 39,259.68 and ? In the bridge fund. (Info on bridge fund not available.)

Mill Pond - Case has been withdrawn by the Morrisseys as written in a letter dated January 23, 2003!

Recreation - Winter Carnival - Joe T. presented the CC with maps to scale of the Mill Pond Area, Railroad Trail, and the Middle Branch Cons. Area. Joe N. drew directions to the Skofield Area and Ken Marvel's properties. CC volunteers (Joe N. and Betsey will be at the "coops" on Sat, the 8th and Sun. the 9th to answer any questions that people may have about the trails.

UNH students - Eric, Joe N., and Betsey met with the students from UNH who are working on a Senior Project. They talked about trails, parking, Natural Resources inventory, and reviewed a land management guide that they will use as a template. Eric will meet with them again on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003 at 2:00PM, and at that time the contract will be reviewed again. They will be working on the Saunders Pasture area, and they will focus on seeding and using the WHIPP grant for those purposes. These students are seniors majoring in wildlife management and forestry, and the students will attend the May, 2003 CC meeting to do a presentation to our board.

Open Space - CC discussed the Tuthill property which is a 193 acre tract of land on the Weare border. The PWA has proceeded with a plan to buy the property, by writing a letter to the abutters, and trying to raise the money. The Tuthill paid \$30,000.00 for the land many years ago, and they are willing to sell at \$30,000.00 today. PWA is raising \$40,000 in order to keep a fund for future expenses related to the land. Joe N. wants them to be aware of a cellar hole on the land. CC discussed possible future contributions if needed, but no decision was made.

Open Space - CC discussed the Bedford/Amherst multi-town study, and the cost of \$5,000-\$6,000. If this study is done, the Trust For Public Lands will contract with the group. Eric, Joe N. and Joe T. will attend the next meeting.

Skateboard Park - there has been no decision as to location. Lee Brown will attend the CC's March meeting. Bill Barss cannot determine the location of the septic near the "coops" until the snow melts.

Mapping - Joe T. and Rebecca have been working on maps for the CC. We discussed

having a large map in the Town Hall, and that map would include a key so that people could identify areas. Rebecca's contact who is working on the maps needs to know more in detail about areas to be depicted on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet, so that maps can be easily copied and given out to the public. Betsey made a list of the CC areas (6), and the Forestry Areas (3). CC discussed property boundaries, topography, etc.. Betsey will get the tax maps for Rebecca, and members will draw trails on maps, and indicate the individual assets of the areas. Joe T. suggested a folder for each area, so the that sheets of paper and information do not get confused. Rebecca will get a mock-up for one piece and bring it to the next meeting.

Proposed Footbridge adjacent to Molly Stark - Discussion of grant monies, bridge abutments, etc. Not our concern at this time. It is a town possible proposal(?)

LCIP Lands - Betsey presented us with an article in the Manch UL that discussed the possible switch of 7 acres of LCIP land in Manchester for a water treatment plant for a 16 acre town piece in Hooksett. CC has concerns that if this is allowed to happen, it could happen in any town. Discussion of development rights, mineral rights, and fee simple. Joe N. to write a letter to Pierre Bruno to ask him to be aware of this, and that we are opposed to this idea.

NBCC membership - Deb Keiner has resigned from the Conservation Commission as of Feb. 14, 2003. She has been on the CC since June, 1990. Joe T. to take notes at the March, 2003 meeting.

Watershed to Wildlife - Littleton workshop.

Foistner and Byam plans - Phil Byam is developing land on South Hill Rd. In a closer review with PB details, there is one lot with wetlands that will probably not be an issue but will need to be reviewed.

DES Letter - The River Management team needs representatives from each town that borders the river. How often do they meet? Kate?

Steve Walker - MC received a letter from Steve Walker who had helped monitor LCIP lands in September. Brenda Lind had indicated that the walks were not complete, and we could not complete them because of the early snow. MC to write to Steve Walker, and Betsey to get the paperwork from Brenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Next meeting will be March 6, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Keiner
Secretary

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