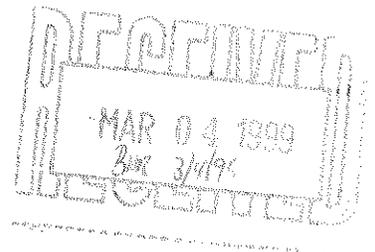


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Jan. 7, 1999

Members present: Betsey Dodge, Deb Keiner, Robert Fehsinger, Brenda Lind, Lou Maynard, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Schaffrath

Guest - Greg Cohen graduate student at Antioch College and writing masters thesis; Jon Brooks of Forestry; Kim DiPetro of Trails Assoc.

Treasury - As of 12/21/98, \$6,921.96; Minutes of the last meeting were read;

Saunders Pasture - The deed has not yet been received, and the stakes have not been removed. There has been too much ice to remove the stakes. The bill is to be paid - Bob moved to pay the bill and Deb seconded.

Forestry and Jon Brooks - Jon Brooks discussed the easement to be drawn up for the Morgan land. Bob Todd is to work with Brenda Lind on the easement. He brought up the issue of the Brooks' land, the Class 6 road, and the easement. There are standards for easements regarding public use and right of way for recreational use. A public forum will be held prior to town meeting to make the public aware of the Morgan easement and the Class 6 road.

Lydia Dodge Lot and Snowmobiles - Members of the Forestry Commission and Conservation Commission walked with the members of the "Over the Hill Snowmobile Club" on Dec. 19.. Jon Brooks has been working with Wayne Gagnon of the club to get trails through the Lydia Dodge Lot to link the Friendly Beaver Campground with the Wildwood Campground. The trail has been approved on a one year basis. The snowmobilers are asking about the Deland Forest, and CC members are sure that there are to be no motorized vehicles in this area. Jon suggested that we have a "Recreational Use Policy".

Access to Class 6 roads and Kim DiPetro - Kim Dipetro is concerned that some of the Class 6 roads that her trail club uses are blocked and inaccessible. There is a pile of firewood at the end of the Class 6 road on the Morgan property, so it is inaccessible. Her concern was even though the roads are for public use, if the owner chooses to block the road, her horses cannot pass through. Discussion of class 6 roads, abandoned roads and easements - recorded at the same time; concerns about use of roads and public access. Discussion regarding the shift of the trail. Kim asked to be alerted regarding any progress in getting the roads cleared.

Friendly Beaver - CC discussed doing another on-site at the campground. It has been reported that the snowmobile trails cross over a wetland. Betsey to make call to Quirks re: onsite. Volunteers for onsite are Bob, Lou, and Jon.

Trail Grant - CC discussed the grant form in detail, and certain sections of the grant were delegated to members of the

commission. Betsey reported the results of her positive meeting with Sandy Chrystal in Concord, and Bob presented information on various types of bridges. Deb is to call Brian Dorwart, civil engineer who specializes in bridges, and ask if he will meet with the members who are working on the grant/footbridge. Our guest, Greg Cohen offered input at this point, and told us about a bridge in Keene that was donated to the city. Discussion of "Bailey" bridges. A reminder - to our members to get townspeople to write letters of encouragement for the grant. Suggestions - 6th graders, boy scouts, individuals who use trail. Deadline for grant - Feb. 1, 1999. The letter should be addressed to "State of NH, Dept of Resources, Div. of Parks and Rec., Bureau of Trails, concord, NH". Deb to write to Selectmen for their support on this endeavor.

CIP - Bob and Joe attended the Dec. 15, 1998 meeting. Still a question about whether CC will get \$30,000.00 or \$50,000.00. Next meeting January 12, 1999.

Natural Resources Grant - Helen Castles to work on grant.

Solid Waste - No meeting.

Warrant Article - Discussion of upcoming warrant article to raise the Current use to 50% from 10%. Deb presented the group with the article, and Betsey will show it to Burton Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds will pass it along to the selectmen.

CC meetings - CC will hold two meetings in February - 2/4/99 and 2/11/99 in order to complete work which has to be done.

PB and Selectmen - Joe reported no new site walks.

McCollum Road - Three lots on McCollum Road at Map 14, Lot 109 were discussed. Property owned by A & T Forest Products. No wetlands seen. Joe to write letter to state "as long as not crossing intermittent stream".

Mill Pond - Lou to write letter regarding vehicles and vandalism. Next meeting February 4, 1999.

Respectfully Submitted,


Deborah Keiner

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