

NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Feb. 1, 2001

Monthly meeting minutes

Members present: Cyndie Wilson, Rebecca Balke, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Shaffrath, Brenda Lind, Burr Tupper, and Betsey Dodge

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

Treasurer's report: As of 2/1/01, the balance was \$2,035.60, \$1,684.73 of it for the Footbridge Separate subaccount, where funds from the Current Use proceeds will go.

On-sites- Burr, Cyndie, and Joe to do an on-site inspection 2/3 at 10 a.m. at Belanger's, 12-38, on Bedford road at Bog Brook. Joe reported on a site walk on Lot 8-72, approximately opposite Foxberry Lane on Bedford road, to view house site, septic system location, and the culvert locations planned there. No further ConCom issues. A general discussion of site walks followed, particularly those done with a snow cover.

Police- Chief Gregory Begin shared with the commission his philosophy about the functions and relationships of the department. A detailed discussion of the interworking of the department with the commission led to a mutual understanding that problems with residents who do not follow generally accepted norms of proper behavior can be solved through cooperation. Giving official notice to the rule breaker about the infraction is the responsibility of the police. Commission members should attempt to determine the person's identity and those of her/his parents in the case of a juvenile. Brenda reported contacting the new owners of the land next (southerly) to the Mill Pond Recreation Area and discussing the bicyclists' activities on it. She said that the family name is Kinkaid. The chief recommended publishing information the town's trails and their uses, particularly any unique "ground" rules, in the spring, simultaneously with publication of material from the Police Department about enforcement of rules covering town lands.

LCHIP- Training Session at Audubon Building was attended by Nicole Strong for Planning Board and Joe for ConCom. Joe delivered the handout material notebook to the commission. No one was present for the Forestry Committee, which is apparently not applying for an LCHIP grant to buy the Sherburne property.

Appointments/reappointments--- Betsey read from the recently ordered conservation handbook the regulation about roles for those who want to work with the Conservation Commission without full membership. She also covered the 24-hour requirement for posting two notices of meetings with their times and places, whether traditional, public places or in private places that can be open for the purpose to allow

public attendance. No requirement exists to post the agenda. Burr suggested that the town's Internet page be added to the eligible posting sites. Joe pointed out that Dodge's 'bulletin board,' traditional site for official notices, is overflowing now with valid and nontown announcements and 'ads', such as dances or other events in Frankestown among other communities, and commercial appeals, again some from beyond New Boston.

Handbook-The question of paying the bill of \$75 for the added copies of the handbook was moved, seconded, and approved.

Organizational meeting-Receipt of Deb's notes formalizing the record of the meeting was noted with gratitude. Betsey thanked all attendees.

Mill Pond - Parking discussed. Brenda urged an early settlement. Cyndie urged that the questions be settled amicably. A letter to the Board of Selectmen defining our proposal was decided on as the next step. A small parking area for three or four cars within the Mill Pond property bounds, to be ready by June 2001, was proposed, moved, seconded, and approved. Brenda will write the letter.

New business—Deb's absence led to the postponement of a discussion of easels.

Other business—Waldorf Phase III received a dredge and fill permit but no Planning Board subdivision approval.