

New Boston Conservation Commission: September 4, 2003 Monthly Meeting

These minutes are written in draft and are subject to approval by the Conservation Commission at the next monthly meeting.

Members present: Eric Thum, Burr Tupper, Rebecca Balke, Mary Carol Schaffrath, and Kate Fitzpatrick

Treasurer's Report: Account: \$39,122.55. Bridge account: \$1267.32

1. Minutes of the July 10 meeting read and accepted.
2. ~~No~~ updates on the Open Space Committee ^{not} available.
3. **Lorden Subdivision on McCurdy Road:** Waiting for final plans.
4. **The Railroad Bed:** Betsey will ask Joe to write Kim Birkenhammer and Highway Department a letter of thanks for work done rebuilding the railroad bed bridge.
5. **Saunders Pasture:** Burr and Eric will get quotes from John Brown and other landscapers to mow Saunders Pasture Conservation Area fields. Betsey and Burr will look at the fields Saturday.
6. **Conservation Land Maps:** Members made changes to Mill Pond map and agreed to include individual drawings for each map. Agreed to meet September 18 at 7:30 to review maps.
7. **Dougherty Lane:** Town plans to rebuild bridge. Gordon Russell did site review. He said the plans to rebuild the bridge would have minimal environmental impact. Discussion about the size of the bridge and how it will blend in at the site. Eric will ask Joe to write a letter to the selectmen expressing our wishes that construction will have minimal impact on the environment and the new bridge blend in with the rural character of the site.
8. **Indian Falls Easement:** Developer wants to grant a conservation easement to the town. Waiting to hear from developer.
9. **Beard Pond Subdivision:** Submitted to State for verification, followed by New Boston planning board review. CC will then do an on-site review.
10. Burr and Joe will clear tree from railroad bed, near Parker Station.
11. Burr will talk to Kim about money for digital maps of New Boston.
12. Next meeting is October 3, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Thum