

**NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May Meeting Notes**

The meeting was held May 6, 2004 in Town Hall.

Distribution rate of the six conservation area map leaflets was touched on briefly.

**Treasurer's Report**

The primary account balance was \$122,131.19, Rebecca reported, with another \$1,273.15 in the bridge account.

**April Meeting Notes Accepted**

The minutes were read, two corrections inserted, and then accepted.

**Open Space Committee meeting**

Melissa reported that concerns were expressed about the wording of potential easements that could be useful in considering and discussing the Hechtl and Kritzon properties.

**Alex Noftsger property easement**

Two rights of way over this property and the choice of a lawyer to handle the conveyance of the easement for it were discussed. Steve Drescher was mentioned. Ken Lombard drafted the easement, which will be in final-draft form for our June meeting.. The property is shown on Maps 12 and 15, lots 103, 104 and 105 on the former; lot 65, on the latter.

**Issues on developments**

Six house lots on Dougherty Lane will be identified on the Edwards file. Burr reiterated his question about the poor drainage on the site at the wall. The Lot 2-2 drive was shifted. The commission has on file a response from Mr. Bond, the soil scientist, verifying that the soils are appropriate.

**Saunders Pasture**

To avoid interfering with nesting ground birds, mowing will be delayed until September. The commission will have to connect with George Hamilton. Burr made a motion to have both fields brush-hogged in early September. Cyndie seconded the motion, and the commission approved the plan. Burr marked out the proposed parking lot and discussed it with Willard Dodge, who has offered to do the grading. Burr reported that Margaret Watkins requested that the proposed literature kiosk there be made smaller, since the purpose of the property is for recreation, not learning, as that would be an unnecessary intrusion in the left-bank environment. The commission voted to make all the kiosks smaller but agreed that, to get full value out of recreational use of the properties, it would not be wrong if some visitors learned something there anyway.

**Trail maps**

Second printing approved; Joe to get paper for Town Hall personnel to run them off.

**Ravine being filled ?**

Cyndie responded to a resident's complaint that Citizen Bilodeau is exhibiting a Fill Wanted sign and loads of fill near a small ravine handling runoff. Cyndie to write a friendly letter asking the residents about their intentions and reminding them that any alteration of the drainage pattern there requires them to obtain a Dredge and Fill Permit.

**Footbridge notification to State**

Cyndie to notify state by letter that we are continuing to maintain access to the footbridge over the Middle Branch of the Piscataquag River.

**Eric's photo**

Burr agreed to print the photo for Eric's "thank you" very soon.

**RR Trail**

NBAFS requested permission from the commission to use the Railroad Trail for military training. Honoring such a request is not within our jurisdiction, so Betsey referred the request to the Board of Selectmen.

**PSNH Grant**

Cyndie reported that this grant has two annual deadlines, April 15 and October 15, and must be the only money spent on the project on which it is used. The commission decided to brainstorm the idea for the grant's use in the area of environmental education at the June meeting.

**Marden notification**

Jay Marden has asked the Planning Board to require that space be provided for community facilities at each new development of cluster-zoned housing.

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8 or more houses