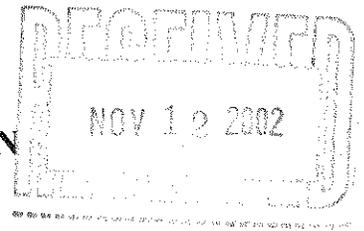


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Oct. 3, 2002



**Members present:** Rebecca Balke (one half hour), Betsey Dodge, Deb Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joe Nangle, Eric Thum, Mary Carol Shaffrath; and Burr Tupper.

**Treas Report** - \$17,201.08

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

**Saunders Pasture:**

1. CC members checked into the alcohol issue, and were told that there is no town policy, no ordinance, and it is not an issue of law, so it cannot be enforced.

2. Eric got quotes on the "brontosaurus" work to be done at Saunders Pasture. He and Joe met with John Brown, and walked the site to be cleared. Mr. Brown quoted a price of \$1,200/day, with the expectation that the work would take 5 days. It was explained that the machine would chip the tree down to ground level, and the field could be mowed after the work is done.

Another quote came from Dick Plantier, and his quote was \$1,800 for the whole job. Eric to meet with Mr. Plantier, and walk the site, because that quote may change.

**Friends of CC** - No new report;

**Mill Pond** - Joe Nangle has asked Lee Murray to put gravel in the parking lot at Mill Pond and also at the Skofield site (Briar Hill Rd). Joe also has been busy moving rocks.

**Signs** - CC decided that signs for handicapped parking and "Dawn to Dusk" were priorities. Burr and Brenda to look into purchase of signs. Deb made a Motion to allow Burr and Brenda to spend up to \$50.00 on the aforementioned signs. Mary Carol seconded the Motion, and the motion passed. Brenda has read the appeal, and there is nothing new in the appeal. It is now in the hands of an "appeal" lawyer, and will be reviewed by the NH Supreme Court.

**Middle Branch** - Willard Dodge and Bob Fehsinger are planning to pop the stumps in the Middle Branch field. It has been mowed in the past and needs to be mowed again to prevent the trees from growing again. It will be mowed after the stumps have been removed.

**LCIP** - On September 16, 2002, Deb, Brenda, and Steve Walker viewed the Mill Pond Area. It was noted that there was erosion on the bank above the trail. CC had a discussion about what to plant to control the erosion. Group to ask Mr. Gilmore about what to plant. No problem with the picnic tables: Joe Nangle joined the walk while were at the Lyndeborough Road land (the Townes property). We discovered a boundary encroachment adjacent to the Valance property. There was a pile of gravel, a car and a shed on the line, or well over the line. Steve suggested we clearly mark the boundary and soon. Steve did speak to the land owner, and the owner knew where the line was, and agreed to move his materials back onto his property. Discussion of LCIP lands. Brenda to write letter to land owner (J. P. Valance) regarding a meeting at the property on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of October, 2002. Mary Carol had received a letter from Steve Walker that outlined all discussed on the 9/16 walk.

**Bob Gilmore** - Mr. Gilmore would like to attend the November or December meeting to get first hand our reasons on how to treat the peninsula or triangle at Lang Station. Brenda made a motion to ask Mr. Gilmore to attend our next meeting (11/7) to discuss the erosion problem at Mill Pond and ask him what to plant on the eroded bank. Deb seconded the motion and all agreed.

**Open Space** - Eric had nothing new to report. Letters to land owners (identified through FLESA) were signed by Betsey, and mailed. Next Open space meeting is scheduled for 10/21/02.

**CC Stationery** - New stationery for CC from Linda Sizemore's office.

**Vote of CC Officers** - Deb to E Mail all members about the vote of CC officers.

**Cemetery Trustees** - Betsey received a letter from the Cemetery Trustees requesting CC permission to take down 3 pine trees that are located on the top of the Mill Pond conservation area, and are potential hazards. the pines are 70 feet tall, and may be hazardous in a lightening strike, rotting or other problems. Discussion in the group as to who is doing the cutting, where the slash will be taken or is it to remain. We were informed that piles of slash may not be higher than 4 feet (forestry law). Brenda made a motion to allow the trees to be cut, laid down, and cut and trim brush so it is lower than 4 feet. Burr seconded the motion and all agreed.  
Deb to write letter to Tom Pine regarding our Motion.

**NHACC Ballot** - CC voted on issues on the NHACC ballot. CC supported all issues and no concerns.

**Howe Bridge** - The Howe bridge at Parker Station Road to be replaced. The wetland impact is to be minimized, and CC discussed an onsite. We decided to do one. Work is to be done on the bridge from Spring of 2003 to Fall of 2003. Betsey to check on the date of the onsite.

**Whippowill Lane** - The Merrill storage Units; this storage area's owner wants to build more units. ZBA notified us as abutters (it is near the trail from the footbridge)

**Footbridge Fund** - Small bridge on Railroad Trail between Gregg Mill and the 4H grounds. Bridge repair or replacement to be paid from footbridge fund.

**Hazardous Waste Day** - 74 households disposed of hazardous waste on 9/28/02. company set-up fee is \$250.00.

Meeting adjourned 9:22PM.

Next meeting scheduled for November 7, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah T. Keiner

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