



NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jan. 9, 2003

Members present: Rebecca Balke, Betsey Dodge, Kate Fitzpatrick, Deborah Keiner, Joseph Nangle, Joe Taggart, Eric Thum, Burr Tupper; and Mary Carol Schaffrath.
Minutes of Dec. . 2002 meeting read, edited, and accepted;
Guests: Mary Barone, Lee Brown, and Ken Lombard.

Treasurer's Report - \$ 13,610.57 and \$24,140.93 (10% of Current Use Penalty tax)

Recreation - Mary Barone and Lee Brown of the Recreation Dept. met with CC about Winter Carnival, Feb 8 and 9, 2003. . Recreation would like our input on the use of trails, and identity of trails which CC would like to promote. They will sponsor a "Snow show Obstacle course", and CC recommended the Mill Pond area for that event. We discussed maps and the availability of maps. There was discussion about parking, maps, degree of difficulty on the trails, and the obstacle course. Betsey suggested the Ken Marvel land was also available for X Country skiing. Recreation now has a web-site, and they can put the CC trail maps on their web-site. CC to contact Lee Murray for plowing parking area at Saunders.

Open Space -Ken Lombard met with CC to discuss the Warrant Article to ask voters to approve 60% of Current Use monies, with 10% to continue to the Conservation Fund and the remaining 50% for protection, preservation, and purchase of Open Space. The group changed to wording of the Warrant Article, and changed the wording of the explanation. Burr made a Motion and Kate seconded to change the wording of the Warrant Article. It passed. Motion for explanation change made by Deb, and seconded by Joe T. and it passed. Wording attached on separate sheet of paper. Burr, Joe N. and Eric T to attend Selectman Meeting on 1/13/03 to support Article and Explanation.

Further Open Space discussion - Burr and Eric attended a meeting with the "Trust for Public Land". Meeting sponsored by the Southern NH Regional Conservation Area. The TPL is interested in doing a tax study or analysis on towns in this region. These towns include Amherst, Bedford, New Boston, Goffstown, and Mt. Vernon. New Boston benefits by having already identified key pieces of land for possible future acquisition. Cost to our town may be \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.. Motion to continue with our interest in this study made by Joe N. and seconded by Burr T., and it passed.

Mill Pond - Attorney Gordon has withdrawn. Statement to be filed by 2/12/03 by Morrisseys.

Skateboard Park - Lee Brown met with us to discuss this issue. Burr had visited the area at Depot Street. Depot Street is one of the locations being considered for the park. The skateboard group is also looking at an area near the white buildings (Coops), and they have checked with the School board on that particular location, but they have to find

the plan to identify where the septic system is. The park will need an 80' X 100' area for the jumps. Lee was asking for our support for the overall project, and for the Depot St. property.

Thibeault - It has been reported that the "Dredge and Fill" on Lot 45 had never been approved. The project is on hold, and the owner must go before the Planning Board.

Saunders Pasture - short discussion of WHIPP restoration.

New Boston Bulletin - Joe will do an article for the February issue on Mill Pond, Lyndeboro Rd, and/or Skofield Area.

Railroad Trail - Joe mentioned again the generous offer of wood for the repair or remake of the little bridge. Because we need a 12' expanse across the culvert, it was suggested that we purchase the lumber, build the deck in a member's workshop, and find someone with draft horses to haul the deck in to the location, and install it. Estimated cost of materials would be approximately \$200.00. Betsey to ask Nic Strong, and Kate to check with Lyn Beers for equine help.

Mapping - Joe Taggart and Rebecca B. have no report for this month, but will continue to work on the mapping. Suggestions were made as to who they might contact for help.

Middle Branch - Joe T. reported seeing vehicles way inside the area. CC talked about installing a gate near the entrance. Possible use of the old Mill Pond gate.

Current Use Lawsuit - Betsey talked to Burton about the newspaper article that was distributed to all members prior to the meeting, and was told this issue will not effect all Current use taxes in all towns.

Reimbursement to members for monies spent - Reimburse Burr for the handicap sign and reimburse Betsey for postage.

Lang Station - It was suggested that with all of the snow so far this winter, we hire Bo Strong to plow the Lang Station parking lot for the benefit of those people using the trail.

Lincoln & Foxberry - The owner has now put in a foundation, and has ignored the "Cease and Desist" order. Building inspector has now contacted the owner.

NHACC newsletter - All members are receiving it.

Next meeting will be January 23, 2003. Adjourned 9:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Keiner
Secretary

January, 2003

2003 WARRANT ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS

Article 5. The library proposal is funded by a 10 year bond issue. The amount of the bond will be reduced by \$86,000 plus interest being withdrawn from the library capital reserve fund account, and by \$ _____ from the trustees fundraising effort. Should the bond pass, any donation before the bond is issued in late 2003 would also reduce the amount to be raised from taxes. Passage will have no effect on 2003 tax bills. The first interest only payment of approximately \$32,000 on the bond will be in 2004. The largest payment comes in 2005 and then the bond slowly decreases. Because this is just one of a number of town capital expenses, all of which have been scheduled in a capital improvements plan, please refer to the plan printed elsewhere in the Town Report for a better understanding of how this impacts town capital spending overall and thus your tax bill.

Article 6. This article seeks to increase from 10% to 60% the amount of Land Use Change Tax allocated to the Conservation Fund. The CLU is collected when land is withdrawn from current use status and made available for either commercial or residential development. The increase of 50%, by agreement between Conservation, Forestry, Open Space and the Selectmen, will be allocated to the protection and preservation of open space. Any legal arrangement to purchase land, rights, easements, etc. must by law be presented at a public hearing and then receive the approval of the Selectmen.

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Article 9. A Recreation Revolving Fund allows the fees and charges made for Recreation programs to stay within what is called a special revenue fund to, in effect, fund the expenses of those Recreation programs. Should any funds be left over after all the program expenses have been paid, those monies would remain with the Recreation Commissioners for use as they deemed appropriate for recreation related programs or facilities. Currently, those monies go into the Town's general revenue fund.

Article 10. The IRS, from time to time, amends the maximum amount ballot clerks and other election workers can be paid without having to pay income taxes. This wording was provided by them as a way to comply with the latest change and those that will be made in the future.

Article 11. When the Town improved Clark Hill Road, the road was moved away from several homes. Now that the lot line adjustments have been made and the town has been given the right to use the new road location, the Town needs to give-up its right to use the old road location.

Article 12. Last year this road closure article was on the warrant by petition. This year the Selectmen have sponsored it because now that the issue of a possible "road" has been raised, it clouds the title of any property it supposedly goes over. The road was never built

Town of New Boston

2003 Town Warrant

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) for costs related to the construction and original equipping of a new library. To authorize withdrawal of eighty-six thousand dollars (\$86,000) plus accumulated interest up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the Library Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, and to authorize the issuance of one million, two hundred and fourteen thousand dollars (\$1,214,000) in bonds or notes in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (3/5 ballot vote required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to increase the percentage of the Land Use Change Tax (collected pursuant to RSA 79-A) and deposited in the Conservation Fund pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 II from ten percent (10%) to sixty percent (60%) of the revenues collected as governed by RSA 36-A:5. Of these funds, 10% will be allocated, as it is currently, for general Conservation Commission uses. The additional 50% will be allocated to a fund for the purchase of land, rights, easements, etc. (and associated costs) to protect the rural character of New Boston. Implementation of any of these options requires the signing of legal documents by the Board of Selectmen. (majority vote required)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to increase the percent of the funds the Forestry Committee may accrue from the proceeds paid for lumber selectively cut on Town Forest lands at the direction of the Forestry Committee as part of the forest land management plan from 50% to 100% per RSA 31:113. (majority vote required)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish as a Town Forest, as authorized by RSA 31:110, a portion of the land within the bounds of Tax Map 7 Lot 22 known as the Sherburne lot. This lot is described in the deed of Alan A. Sherburne, et al to the Town. Excepted from the proposed Town Forest is that portion of said lot identified as a source of sand for Town use, containing about 17 acres, said exception bounded on the west by Cochran Hill Road and also bounded by a line beginning at the northerly end of the exception on the easterly side of said road; thence running easterly, southerly and westerly fifty feet upland from the edge of the adjacent wetland and parallel with said wetland edge to the easterly side of said road at the southerly end of the exception. The management responsibility of the proposed Town Forest shall be delegated to the Forestry Committee. (majority vote required)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to create a Recreation Revolving Fund in accordance with RSA 35-B:2 II, and to name the Recreation Commission as agents of said fund. In accordance with RSA 35-B:2 II, the money received from fees and charges shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the political subdivision's general revenue fund or its surplus. The Treasurer of the Town shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Commissioners. These funds may be expended only for the purposes