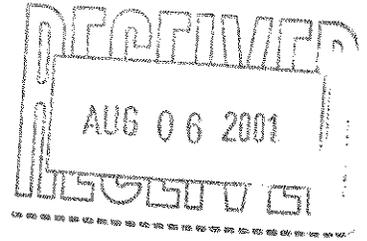


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 19, 2001
Special Meeting



Members present: Rebecca Balke, Betsey Dodge, Deb Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joe Nangle, Burr Tupper, Cyndie Wilson.

Discussion of Mill Pond Area

Members of the commission met to further discuss the parking and boundary matter at the Mill Pond Area, located on Mill Street in New Boston. Burr had met at the area with Eric Thum, and noted the location of the granite posts at the entrance. They also put stakes in the ground for a 15' X 21' parking area. Cyndie reminded us of a discussion with John Nute suggesting that the trail head lead up from the parking area so as to loop back to the parking area and avoid private property. There is some grade to dig into, and it was suggested that "Vinca" be planted to avoid erosion. The group discussed the potential amount of gravel to be used for a proposed parking area. Betsey agreed to call Bob Todd to verify the location or replacement of the granite posts. CC reviewed the new management plan as drafted by Burr and Brenda. It was agreed that we leave out any wording regarding "camping", "hunting", "loud activities", and "alcohol". Should the plan give a time frame? Will the CC plant bushes? Should the name be changed to eliminate "conservation"? A motion was made by Joe, and seconded by Burr to approve the plan written with changes discussed in this meeting. Copies will be sent to the Selectmen and to Peter Helm (LCIP) and we hope to hear a response by the August 2nd meeting. The General Pulic will then review the plan by public hearing or comment.

Wetlands Ordinance

Guests present: Peter Moloney, Cathy Conroy, and Bob Todd. Discussion of the Wetlands Ordinance as drafted by the above group:

RSA is necessary in the ordinance. Discussion about a wetland being subject to the ordinance whether or not a soil scientist says it is. We discussed the fact that many members of the CC recognize a wetland because members have prior knowledge and/or training. It was agreed that it was acceptable to have CC members determine a wetlands, and if difficult to ascertain, a Soil Scientist should come in at the expense of the owner. (?) The group made reference to the wetlands map that hangs in the PB room. Discussion of "non-conforming" lots. Peter compared the old Wetlands Ordinance regulation with the new draft, and we discussed what should remain, and what could be eliminated. Bob Todd read a letter of concern from Gordon Russell. It was suggested that we keep the Wetlands Ordinance simple, and amend it at a later date as we see fit. We foresee the possible addition of other principle wetlands such as the Great Meadow.

The Wetlands group will finalize the draft, and send it to the PB (Aug. 21, 2001)
An article will be printed in the NB Bulletin, and there will be a public hearing (possibly
in October).

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