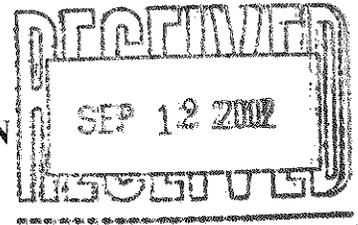


NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Aug. 1, 2002

Members present: Betsey Dodge, Deb Keiner, Brenda Lind, Joe Nangle, Burr Tupper, Joe Taggart, and Mary Carol Shaffrath;

Guest: Mike Richard

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

Treasurer's Report - Account has \$17,193.78.

Saunders Pasture: Brenda, Burr, and Rebecca met on July 31, 2002 regarding the Management Plan on this piece. Also in attendance were Mike Richard and A. LaPenn.

Aug. 1, 2002 - Members discussed the Management Plan to include Phases so as to determine what was the short term plan and what was long term. The following points were discussed:

1. Parking - Discussion of signs to list the "do's and don't's". CC would like to put the sign in a kiosk, to look user friendly and inviting. The best location for parking at present would be along the side of Saunders Hill Road. CC will wait to ask Selectmen about the status of the John Newton Dodge Road. Our short term parking solution would be to have guests park along the side of Saunders Hill Road, and make it a long term goal to enable people to park on John Newton Dodge Road. A foot path over the John Newton Dodge Road was discussed.
2. Bicycles - No bicycles allowed.
3. Alcohol - Mike Richards would like us to post "no alcohol" signs. Members listed their views as follows: Joe N. - Cannot be enforced; Joe T. - "Responsible Use"; Burr - Not enforceable; Mary Carol - Not enforceable; Deb - Not enforceable; Brenda - Not another "no"; Betsey - can't control irresponsible people;
4. Pets - should be restrained;
5. Hunting - CC should post signs warning people of when hunting season occurs, so they have sufficient warning when walking the trails;
6. Trash - Education is the key; ask people to "carry in and carry out";
7. Horses - It has not been decided but CC seems to lean toward not allowing horses as the trails are steep, branches hang low, and horses cause erosion to trails. Mike Richard was concerned about E-coli bacteria from horse waste; CC to check with Kim Dipetro re: her input on whether her organization would push for horses to be allowed here.
8. Signs - Post "Dusk to Dawn" signs to cut down on partying and irresponsible use after dark; also we must post "private property" signs where the public property abuts the private property..
9. Trails - One member discussed the "Keeping Track" trail that may connect with this area. CC would like to make a short term goal of cutting trails alongside the water, but up from the water's edge.

Brenda to Email amended Plan to all members. Mike Richard had a question about the endangered species and an environmental impact study, and CC assured him that we had explored all of the groups who may help us to determine what species may be in the area. Also, PWA has an easement on the area, and they have been and will be good resources for this information.

LCIP - Steve Walker to meet with members of the CC to monitor LCIP lands on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 at 8:00AM The group will monitor Mill Pond and Lyndeboro Road Areas.

Lang Station - Nothing new; Betsey has contacted Bo, but has not heard back;

McCollum Road - Rightway Builders - DES okayed the dredge and fill;
Library land/Parker - DES okayed the dredge and fill; (ZBA says that when gravel is taken out, loam should be brought in);

Friends of CC - Nothing to report this month;

Mill Pond - Discussion of the trial that took place on July 12, 2002. No decision from Judge Linn yet.

Bedford Land Trust - Joe and Betsey met with Jane Spaulding to discuss what lands are owned by towns in the Bedford Land Trust (tracking station);

Carriage Road - Map 12. Brenda drafted a letter to be sent to home owners in this area. The letter relates to wetlands violations, and what homeowners must do to avoid said violations. CC reviewed the letter, and agreed it should go out with Betsey's signature with CC to Nic Strong and Selectmen.

Skofield Land - Briar Hill Road; Joe Nangle met with Bob Macantee regarding the parking spaces to be put in by the side of the road. The Briar Hill group has decided on four spaces. Bob M will make a new sign about "no motorized vehicles" and it will be made of the same material as the main sign to the area.

Clark Hill Road - Three lots, map 7/1; Betsey and Joe N. had done an onsite on this piece, and she brought in a plant that she thought to be a wetlands plant. It was a "sedge" and later determined to be "Carex Lurida", a plant that grows in shallow soil, and can grow in uplands or wetlands. Betsey to explore further. No concerns now and no issues for CC.

Land Trust alliance - Eric not here - no report.

Piscataquog River Erosion Control - Betsey received a copy of a letter sent to Selectman, Gordon Carlstrom, from George Musler of the State of NH, Flood Insurance Coordinator. The letter referred to sand bags being put in the river to install the "weirs". He was concerned about the river and obviously does not know that a permit was issued to the PWA to do their erosion control. Very curious.

Lyn Beers - This lot was accepted by the PB many years ago, so the 1.5 acres of dry contiguous land is waived or "grand fathered"

State Aid Grants - Betsey was contacted by Pierre Bruno's office with regard to what federally funded grants had been received by CC since 1996. Answer was \$20,000 for the bridge.

Deanna and Mike Powell - Bunker Hill Road; a general onsite must be done on this piece of property.. Betsey and Burr to do it on Aug. 8 or 9;

DES - Notification of Minimum Expedited D & F for ponds only, not rivers and CC does not need to be notified. (Margery Swope)

Stone Wall in Town by the Bank of NH - Betsey did an onsite near the bank. Work is being done to shore up the wall that runs along the river beside and in back of the bank. There are minimum repairs to be done.

Meeting adjourned 9:25PM.

Next meeting scheduled for September 5, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Keiner". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Deborah T. Keiner

August 2002