



NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nov. 7, 2002

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

Treas Report - \$17,204.61

Minutes of the October meeting were read, and accepted.

Guests: Ken Lombard (OS), Bob Todd (OS & F), Mary Koon (OS), Kim DiPetro (F), Jon Brooks (F). Discussion of Land Use Exchange Tax and open space. Kim DiPetro spoke on the importance of preserving open space in New Boston. She feels that we must all make a concerted effort to put aside money now to purchase land for open space. She introduced us to a new tax 79-A, 25-a, which allows towns to put Land Use Penalty monies in a separate fund for land purchase in that fiscal year. Burr suggested use of the Bedford Land Trust in order to use their resources of increasing our dollars to purchase open space. Ken Lombard talked about land that Open space is looking at presently, 200 acres on the Weare line. The group discussed the eventual purchase or acquirement of the tracking station land. Federal lands go through 1. Fish & Wildlife, 2. State, and 3. Town. Group discussed increase of Current Use Tax (currently at 10%); Discussion to Trust for Public Land - Joe T. said it must be high profile. TPL and CC get a percentage for the land deals they make. Our CC and Open Space must identify lands to be purchased.

The main thrust of the meeting was to get Forestry, Conservation and Open Space together to request a line item on the CIP. Our groups must go to the CIP, Planning Board, Finance committee, and Selectmen.

Brenda made a Motion to endorse the \$100,000.00 amount as a line item amount on the CIP, and this is in collaboration with the Forestry Committee and Open Space Committee. Burr seconded the motion and all agreed.

A group of representatives will meet with the CIP Committee to request the line item amount. The reps will be Eric Thum, Burr Tupper, Ken Lombard, Mary Koon, Bob Todd, and Jon Brooks. Ken Lombard to be the chairperson of the representatives.

Saunders Pasture: - The cost of the brontosaurus work (10/28/02) is \$3,600.00, and the CC voted to pay the bill. Bill to be paid to John Brown & Sons.

Group to meet on Sunday, November 10, 2002 at 1:30PM to view the Saunders Pasture after the clearing.

Footbridge - The cost of the work done at the footbridge parking area is \$500.00 to be paid to Bo Strong. Burr made the motion, Joe T. second, vote to pay passed. This bill will be paid out of the footbridge fund.

Mill Pond - Signs - Burr to go to Jutras signs to get prices.

LCIP - Monitoring done in September by Brenda, Deb and Joe, but not considered complete. Betsey did talk to Jean Pierre Valance, abutter to the Lyndeborough land. Mr Valance agreed to move his belongings off of the LCIP lands withing two weeks.

Paperwork for LCIP monitoring handed from Mary Carol to Brenda - to be completed after another walk.

Foistner - Discussion of letter received by members of the Conservation Commission. The state has not yet done their write-up on the wetlands violation on the Foistner property.

Thibeault - He has started another road in the Juniper Hill Devel., and on the rainy days this past month, silt has run into the river. Betsey and Joe did an onsite on the loop road (Inkberry) with the state, and found clay soil, and no seeding on the slopes. (Byam Road to Inkberry Road). The state is in charge of the issue now.

Dredge and Fill - Route 77, near Lull Road. Betsey and Joe did an onsite on Route 77 and at Howe Bridge, and there are no issues or concerns.

Middle Branch - Work has been done and it is time for a WHIPP review.

Ludders letter - Betsey received a letter from Ann and Dick Ludders regarding a River Management Program. It appears that the PWA, City of Manchester, and other groups are banding together to apply for an EPA Initiative Grant. It was unclear to us about the purpose of the grant, so Brenda agreed to contact the Ludders' and Margaret Watkins for more information and possibly a copy of the grant application, so that we can have a better discussion on the matter.

Vote of CC Officers - Kate Fitzpatrick nominated Burr Tupper as Vice Chair of the CC. Mary Carol agreed to give up the position. Officers are as follows: Betsey Dodge - Chairperson, Burr Tupper - Vice Chairperson, Deb Keiner - Secretary, Rebecca Balke,- treasurer.

Additional Meeting - CC has discussed having more than one meeting per month as we have so many things to discuss. The group decided to have another meeting on November 21, 2002, and focus on lands such as Mill Pond, and Saunders. Joe Nangle agreed to take notes as Deb will not be able to make it.

Newcomers Open House - Open House to be held at Pat Jennings on Nov. 17, 2002 2 -4 PM. Burr to attend with t-shirts and possible "Friends of CC" information.

Meeting adjourned 9:50PM.

Next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2002.and December 5, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah T. Keiner

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