

2004

NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FEBRUARY Meeting minutes

Attending

Betsy Dodge, Rebecca Balke, Melissa Philippi, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Schaffrath, and Burr Tupper.

Treasurer's Report

Rebecca reported that the account balance was \$105,627.84. The report was accepted as read without comment.

New DES Procedure for Wetland Inspection

A simplified procedure for commission review of a proposed building site has been established to allow a three-member sub-committee to inspect a proposed location and decide on its merits. Betsy, Joe, and Melissa will serve as sub-committee members; any two can summon a third member to complete a trio from among other commission members to save time in conducting the inspection.

Correspondence

Betsy read a letter from a Sue Foote of Rye asking for information about a topic troubling her town's commission, town officials selling conservation land to the state without a vote of the town. Betsy reminded the board that our case is different in that a town meeting passed a bylaw preventing such action here.

Miscellania

The Board of Selectmen will now meet on alternate Monday evenings.
The Planning Board is sponsoring New Boston Speaks, Phase III.
[www.new boston Speaks.org](http://www.newboston Speaks.org) is now on the Internet.

Project planning for the year

Burr will provide enlarged maps of the properties shown in the folders.

Burr suggested to ~~Ken~~ Lombard of the Open Space Committee that her organization display and offer Open Space and Conservation literature at its new Tuthill property open house on Valentine's Day. The board felt that it was more properly that group's function and that ConCom should not push the idea.

Nick Strong wants to review all REPP land with ConCom for an updating of the land already purchased and that still available. Betsy and Melissa to meet with Nick.

Burr talked about kiosks being built by Frankestown on Route 136 as prospective models for ours. Burr to photograph for ConCom perusal.

The program for developing the Saunders Pasture property will begin with seeding in the spring and brush-hogging in the fall. Laying out and cutting the trails and building the bridge and parking lot will begin when the ground stabilizes in the spring.

Joe to contact John at the Highway Department to reserve some time in early spring to lay out and gravel a four-car parking area.

Is there an easement?