

**DRAFT NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June Meeting Notes**

The meeting was held June 3, 2004 in Town Hall.

In attendance were Betsey Dodge, chair, Rebecca Balke, treasurer, and members Melissa Houghton, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Schaffrath, Burr Tupper, and Cyndie Wilson.

Burr made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6 commission meeting, Mary Carol seconded his motion, and the minutes were approved without comment by vote.

Speaking as a land-owning citizen rather than a commission member, Cyndie Wilson of Mason Drive explained the terms and conditions under which she and one Alex Noftsgger propose to grant a conservation easement to the town on land near the Norden development near Ms. Wilson's home.

She stated that Ken Lombard of the Open Space Committee had drafted the easement document. Under its terms, she stated, the landowners will forego in perpetuity developing the land in exchange for reductions in the assessed valuations of and annual tax bills for their property.

The agreement is currently being reviewed by an attorney, she said, and Lombard is showing the draft and explaining the advantages to other taxpayers considering similar or the same courses of action.

Burr moved that the commission recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the easement be granted. The commission voted to do so. Burr will e-mail word of the commission's endorsement to Lombard and write a letter to the board urging its consideration and approval of the easement agreement at the June 7 BoS meeting.

Cyndie moved and the commission approved the appropriation of a sum of money to produce 20 copies of the easement agreement to be available for study by other landowners considering granting easements to the town.

All matters below here are all Raggedy-Andy in terms of completeness, likelihood of being understandable, and rationality. The sequence may be faithful to the order in which the comments and statements occurred.

Tax map for the third phase of Byam Road...

Mr. Bond, soil scientist, called Betsey to follow up on a meeting. He informed her, she said, apropos of something not entirely clear then or since that qualifying land as a wetland requires that vegetation on the site has to consist of more than 50 per cent wetland types.

West Lull Road – Gordon – problem(s)...

Cyndie to write a letter to some one or group about the Donovan major subdivision, location and subject unspecified...

culverts on lot 63-1 on Beard Road on left...

Marilyn Sizemore...

Rich Martin...

Melissa moved to let Willard Dodge go ahead with site work at Saunders Pastures, pending Margaret Watkins' approval as Piscataquag River easement agent. Approved.

Joe to check with Milford beaver advocate, Susanne Fournier, 45 Highland Ave., Milford, NH 03055, (check her through other Medlyn) about replanting nuisance dens. Good money and good conservation practice after bad. Straightening up after a mistake is always worse than doing it once properly. Bob succeeded, through his obstinacy, in having the dam breached and the path ruined, leaving us with the choice of a.) bridging the breach at the dam by erecting abutments that people can risk their limbs, laundry, and pumps on in a turd-and-tallow beaver bank, b.) hacking a monkey-trot brush trail around the breach, c.) having a long out-and-double-back section that excludes the prettiest section of the terrain, or d.) giving up on the trail entirely, retaining only a walk down the hill to view the pond from the near bank.

Cyndie moved to delay until July discussion of grant applications.

Joe English gully. 5/14/04 letter to Cyndie from land owner, with diagram of purpose, intent, etc.---Brenda seems to approve

Lyn Lombard of Loostrife fame ...we should invite her to inform us about other invasive species, perhaps hold a public presentation in September. Betsey to invite her to do a presentation in August.

"This is Arbella—end of Railroad trail at Route 114... George Merrill has a mean storage unit"...Betsey found no encroachment

Crown on Mt. Uncanoonnuk add-on tower 20 feet.

Blandings Turtle info handed out by Barry Wicklow

Morrissey fence violation---Burr suggests a more formal re-marking; Joe suggests concertina wire three octaves high

Joe to get a photo of Brontosaurus for Eric's memento