

NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Feb. 4, 1999

Members present: Betsey Dodge, Deb Keiner, Cyndie Wilson, Lou Maynard, Bob Fehsinger, Brenda Lind, and Joe Nangle

Treas.: As of 1/19/99 - \$6,924.71;

Minutes read and approved.

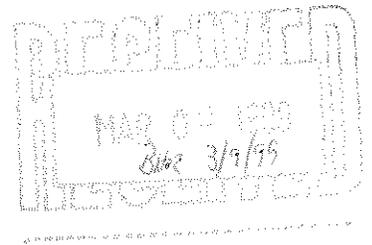
Morgan Easement - The Selectmen and Fire Department are not in favor of giving up the rights to the Class 6 road that runs through the Morgan property. They are in the process of reviewing the status of all Class 6 roads in town. Bob attended a meeting at Jan Nixon's, and the warrant article to turn over the Morgan Class 6 road was reviewed at that meeting. The Morgans are to return to town in mid-February. It was discussed that citizens are needed to speak in favor of the Class 6 road and the easement of 84 acres on the Morgan land. There will be a Selectmen's meeting on Feb. 8, 1999 at 7:00 to discuss the various warrant articles to be listed on the town report.

CIP - The Cons. Comm. request to be put on the CIP dropped from 6th place to 8th place, so it was necessary to Petition to be put on the town warrant. There are concerns amongst CC members regarding the REPP funds, and the buildings that the Selectmen are in favor of buying with any such funds, should they become available. (IE: railroad station and town buildings). CC had a discussion of the REPP funds, and pieces of land that would be desirable as open space. The Cons. Comm. wishes to put \$35,000.00 in a CRF, whether or not the REPP is passed. Betsey to contact members of Forestry, FLESA, and Plan. Bd. to attend Selectmen meeting on 2/8/99.

Grant Program - Brenda presented a draft of the grant to the group. She had written to Roy Boivan at the State level about the project, and he suggested that we could use the existing abutments. CC will not be able to remove the wire fencing that runs along the railroad tracks, as this is of historical importance, and is part of the survey for the boundary. Bob contacted "Trailways", and the CC may be able to apply for a grant for additional funds for the footbridge and railroad trail project. the group is to contact more townspeople for letters of support for the project.

Current Use - Deb wrote a Warrant Article to increase the Current Use tax to CC from 10% to 50%. Selectmen are not in favor of this proposed increase, and 3 members to attend Selectmen meeting on 2/8/99 to support 50%.

Middle Branch - Bob received a copy of the proposal of the Natural Resource grant and how the funds are distributed. The total cost of the project is \$7,736.00, and the state share is



\$5,500.00, leaving the CC responsible for \$2,236.00.
Cost to CC - Lime, Fertilizer, and seed - 2.6 acres @ \$400/acre =
\$1,040.00. Bob and Betsey to meet onsite with Helen Castles .

A & T Forestry - Joe and Deb did an onsite on 1/30 on McMullun Road and had no concerns.

Quirk - Lou and Bob met with Jon Brooks and members of the Snowmobile Club regarding potential violations. No visible signs of wrongdoing.

New Business - Deb Keiner, Mary Carol Schaffrath and Ed O'Rourke are up for reappointment on CC.

LCIP - Cyndie faxed information from an LCIP site walk to Peter Helms at the State level. He would like to attend one of our meetings.

UNH Environmental Study Major - Karen Colough, a UNH Environmental Studies Major, is searching for an internship. Cyndie will contact her.

Workshops - Workshops to be held on Current Use Tax Rules.

Dupuis - They have received an extension to 1/17/02 on the 33 lot subdivision. The road is in, and there is one house up, and another being framed. Easement area in question, as it is into the back of the subdivision. Bob suggested a follow-up and asked if there is a building inspection for developers. Bob received a letter from the town regarding a statement on plot plan and the wetlands.

Booklets - Piscataquog River Management Plan booklets available.

Wetlands - Betsey read an upsetting article from USA Today regarding wetlands drained without permit, and allowed. (Not in NH!)

Reminder of upcoming meetings -
Town Meeting - March 13, 1999
Next CC meeting - March 4, 1999.

Respectfully Submitted,


Deborah Keiner