

NEW BOSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Dec. 7, 2000

Treasury - \$ 2,606.79 (two separate categories)

**Members present:** Deb Keiner, Cyndie Wilson, Rebecca Balke, Joe Nangle, Mary Carol Shaffrath, and Betsey Dodge;

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

**Middle Branch-** The beaver problem still exists at this area. Joe is very concerned and has suggested a dike made of stone. The group will act on this suggestion in the Spring.

**Footbridge** - Deb displayed a poster picture of the bridge. Betsey has been advised that the black plastic must be removed, and Joe will remove the plastic.

**Pamphlet for Land Protection** - Brenda and Rebecca have worked on this pamphlet for the town. It is presently pending as the committee needed more information to complete it. The pamphlet will include options on what owners can do with their land in terms of easements (?). The committee needs the name of a contact person, or person of authority who can field questions.

**Soils Workshop** - Deb attended the workshop and reported on content.

**CIP** - CC made suggestions of raising the amount to \$50,000. The group then voted to keep the amounts as they appear on the Five year plan - \$35,000 in 2002 and 2003, \$50,000 in 2004, 2005, 2006. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

**Wetland Ordinance** - Committee members attending our meeting on 12/7 were Bud Piper, Bob Todd, Kathy Conroy, Peter Hogan, Peter Moloney, and Tom Mohan. A Wetland Ordinance document will be submitted to the PB, with their review, and with the possibility that the Ordinance be put on the Warrant for the 2001 Town Meeting. The Planning Board will have a public hearing on Jan. 9, 2000. Discussion amongst the two groups included buffer distances, steep slopes, uplands between wetlands, and Shoreland Protection Act and the 50% of trees that must remain. The group decided on a 50 foot buffer around wetlands, and 100 feet around prime wetland, (Piscataquog River).

**LeClair** - Bedford Rd. The owner wants a dredge and fill to cross a brook (400' crossing). Owner had an expedited d & f for 1 culvert. CC member had a concern of the future of the water quality on the property because of the possibility of large animals to be kept on the premises. Betsey did a letter to the state.

**Ferris** - Bedford Rd. - This is land located across from Sallada's (Kennedy's) on Bedford Rd.. The land goes all the way to Route 13. Owner/Devel. to put cluster housing in the area (9 houses ).

**Mill Pond** - Deb to do letter to abutters re: the agenda of CC meetings posted outside town hall 24 hours prior to meetings.

**Strategy Meeting** - Strategy Meeting planned for January 20, 2001, 9:30AM to 12:00 at the town hall.

**Sherbourne Forest** - Joe to sit in at Dec. 11 Forestry Meeting on this acquisition of land. CC has no funds to give to this project. CC has expressed an interest in this pending acquisition, and would like to be notified of an onsite on this property.

**Saunders Pasture** - Affirmative vote to pay the \$200 monitoring fee to PWA.

**New Alternate** - Receipt of letter from Linda Gaudet regarding her desire to be an alternate on the CC. She will be asked to the Jan. or Feb. mtg.

**Gregg Bridge** - Barry Wicklow to meet with Margaret Foss of the state regarding an issue regarding the erosion along the riverbank adjacent to the bridge at Gregg Mill Rd. and Route 13.

**Onsite approval** - In order for a member of the New Boston Conservation Commission to act in an official capacity, a commissioner or alternate shall have had training in wetlands identification or soils identification. No Conservation Commission member or alternate will be considered an official person to attend and speak to issues at an onsite without having been appointed by the Chairman of the Commission. Motion made by Cyndie, Seconded by Rebecca, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Next CC meeting - January 4, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deborah Keiner

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