

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Attendance: Commission members Mike Duddy, Carole Haas, Judy Dooley, John Marchewka, Dena DeSena, and Dick Bauman; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. Steve Ballou attended on behalf of the Land Trust. CEHS Science/Engineering teacher, Kerry Kertes attended with 2 of his engineering students

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. New commissioners, Judy Dooley and John Marchewka, were welcomed.
3. January's meeting minutes were approved without change.
4. **Correspondence.** (Materials relating to the first three items were mailed to Commission members.
 - Town Manager memo to the Conservation Commission regarding implementation steps 59 (trail use conflict) and 66 (alterations of vegetation in buffer areas).

Maureen advises that these items should be implemented within the next three years. Mike Duddy requested that Maureen create a document listing any existing deed restrictions on use. Land Trust property should be included. John M. suggested eventually posting uses on the town website.

Discussion regarding wetlands violations centered around the creation of and educational effort to discourage destruction of wetlands buffer, including a powerpoint presentation of public forums.

5. **CEHS Engineering Project.** Mr. Kertes presented his engineering class's interest in designing and implementing a project for the benefit of the town. The Alewife Brook bridge project was considered and rejected because of the scope of the construction and the fact that the bridge is already designed. Mike Duddy suggested the remaining bridge on the Stonegate trail that needs to be designed and built, which seemed an ideal project. Carole, Dena, and John M. agreed to meeting Mr. Kertes and students at the work site Friday morning, 2/15, to review the project. The students will be working with Conservation Commissioners on site evaluation, design, materials, and implementation.

6. Priority Setting

- Dick attended Town Council meeting on Priorities and reports that the council is very supportive of the commission's work.
- Maureen will request a proposal for the floatation boardwalk for Great Pond.
- Carole will contact the Maine Conservation Corp regarding their interest and ability to work on the staircase needed to get down to the floating boardwalk from the Land Trust property trail.
- The town's Great Pond easement with the Sprague Corporation needs to be clarified before the commission approves a boat storage rack plan. Need to verify that existing trails are within the easement.

7. Monthly Trail Walk. Stonegate bridge site walk, Friday Feb 15, 7:00

- 8.** The meeting was adjourned at 9.40. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th.