

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Attendance: Commission members: Dick Bauman, Mike Duddy, John Planinsek, John Marchewka, Dena Desena; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. Representing CELT Ted Darling & Frank Strout.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7.04 pm
2. May minutes were approved without change.
3. 7:10 pm Conservation Commission went into executive session to discuss land acquisition/disposition matters. 7:40 pm Conservation Commission out of executive session.
4. Maureen handed out a document summarizing options for work to be committed at Great Pond. Discussions were broken down into three areas for possible trail work.
 1. The southern section of the trail where the trail leaves the swampy wet area and climbs steeply up the hillside.

The commission decided on a two pronged approach for the present. First continue to attempt to contact Lester Kenway for a quote on his proposal to reduce the grade of the trail by approximately 10%, coupled with a short step or ladder section. Secondly to have Maureen contact some local landscape companies to submit quotes for building stone steps into the hillside.

2. The approximately 600-700 ft section of the trail between Alewife Brook bridge and the hillside. A large portion of this trail is extremely wet.
3. The two bridges that currently span Alewife Brook.

For sections two and three the commission requested Maureen to collect several quotes for a four ft wide, "correct deck" style walkway. Depending on cost the commission was looking for either metal or cedar framing for the walkway and bridge. It was requested that the quotes be broken down into two sections. One for cost of material, and one for installation. Ken Cyr's name was mentioned as a possibility for the installation of the material.

5. Signs & Maps – Maureen requested that the commission start to think about possible placement of map holders/signs that have been purchased. The following are being held in town inventory.

1 - 32 x 48 Winnick Woods sign

- 5 – Small message/map holders
- 1 – Medium message/map holder

For the Winnick Wood sign, commission members agreed to individually drive by and decide where they think the sign should be placed. Maureen mentioned the possibility that installation of the sign could be completed by the Public Works Department.

For the message/map holders it was decided that GPS maps of the trails would first need to be completed prior to the decision of where to install the message/map holders. John M. said that he would continue with GPS work that he had started on the Winnick Woods/ Cross Hill trails.

6. Maureen was appointed to draft a letter thanking the 8th graders for all of their hard work at Winnick Woods.
7. It was decided that at the July Conservation Committee meeting a decision would be made for the placement of the Winnick Woods sign and also to discuss a date for a grand opening of the Winnick Woods trail system.
8. A decision was made to put off work on trail evaluations until a later date.
9. Discussions were held about the possibility of cancelling the September Conservation Committee meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned 8:58pm.