

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Attendance: Conservation Commission members: Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, Judith Dooley, Dena DeSena, John Marchewka; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara; Guest Joel FitzPatrick.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
2. January 2009 minutes were revised then accepted.
3. Eastman Meadows – Joel Fitzpatrick presented option for parking places for Town trail easement. Mr. Fitzpatrick agreed to meet with CC members to locate the trail on higher ground. Parking area will be 8-10K sq ft located at trail head at beginning of gravel drive. Mr. Fitzpatrick proposes to install a split rail fence on field side of trail to provide a visual separation between trail and development. The final easement language will include a maintenance provision for the Town.

Motion was made to accept proposal for the following: 1) use of farm road adjacent to northwest side of development as the trail easement, 2) connect Winnick Woods trail system to Eastman Meadows trail, 3) accept 8-10K sq ft gravel parking lot at trail head, and 4) agree with proposed split rail fence along field side of trail separating trail from development. Motion seconded and approved.

4. Winnick Woods Parking Lot – Dick Bauman commented that people are utilizing the plowed parking lot at Winnick Woods and the CC appreciates Public Works for their efforts to plow and maintain the lot.

CC agreed to request Town funding to design, permit and build the parking lot expansion at Winnick Woods. Motion was made to submit a request to the Town for funding up to \$9,500 design, permit and build the parking lot expansion. Motion seconded and approved.

5. Trail Projects List – Public Works will install bollards at various trail heads and CC member(s) will accompany Public Works personnel to show them the locations of the selected trail heads.

CC members reviewed and made revisions to the project list spreadsheet, insert dates for 2009 target projects.

CC agreed to seek proposals from contractors to perform certain one time, and certain on-going maintenance projects throughout the Town's trail system. The contract would be designed as an "unsecured funds retainer" with the selected contractor, meaning that the contractor would agree to a labor rates and expenses for a specified period of time and perform requested projects at the agreed rates.

The number of projects, the size and the location will be determined by the CC depending on the funding available to the CC at any given time. The selected contractor would provide a cost estimate for each project requested by the CC prior to authorization to proceed.

6. Town Web Site and Trail System Link – CC members to review trail map descriptions and provide comments to CC Web authors for next meeting.
7. Boardwalk at Great Pond – CC approved adding a small section of boardwalk to add walking space where the boardwalk makes a 90 degree turn. The amount agreed to is \$431.25. The work will be performed by Great Northern Docks.
8. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.