

Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Attendance: Conservation Commission members: Dick Bauman, Dena DeSena, John Marchewka, Mike Duddy, Catherine Haas; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara; Guests Dr. Budzel, Tyler Brideson

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. March 2009 draft minutes were reviewed. Item 2 was changed to read "Draft" minutes. Minutes were accepted with change.
3. CC discussed Shore Path report and Maureen O'Meara indicated that the report could be viewed online, or a hard copy could be obtained at the Town Office for a small fee.
4. Discussed closing for the Town easement over the Jordan property. Closing scheduled for 10:00am April 15, 2009.
5. CC discussed the possibility of installing a culvert through a wet area of the Great Pond Trail near the Fenway access and that prior to moving ahead, discussions would need to be made with the Sprague Corporation. Might need a resource protection permit. Mike Duddy to meet with Land Trust to assess wet area near Fenway and review final Jordan easement location.
6. CC will communicate with 8th grade class representative about assisting with trail clearing along Jordan easement.
7. Leighton Road Open Space Leighton Farm resident Dr. Budzel and Tyler Brideson from Earth Tone Landscaping requested permission to perform some hand clearing of brush (bittersweet, honeysuckle), removal of a couple of downed tree and planting of trees along the Town's open space. Commission members discussed their proposal and agreed to meet with them to look over the area. Meeting was scheduled for 9:30am Thursday April 16th.
8. Trail Evaluation Project Public Works agreed to install bollards at designated trail heads. Maureen agreed to accompany Public Works to mark the trail heads.

CC discussed a written draft of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be sent out to local Landscaping companies for certain trail maintenance projects. The draft proposal was revised and accepted and will be mailed out.

CC discussed formatting revisions to the trail project spreadsheet. Add task to schedule a meeting with the Eastman Meadows developer to layout the trail connection between the Eastman Meadows trail easement and the Winnick

Woods trail system. Additional formatting changes were proposed and the revisions will be made by administrative staff.

CC's monthly trail walk will consist of updating signage at Cross Hill trails and Gull Crest Trail. CC members will meet at Gull Crest on May 2nd at 9:00am. Mike Duddy agreed to update signage along the Broad Cove trail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.