

Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Attendance: Conservation Commission members: Dick Bauman, John Marchewka, Mike Duddy, Judith Dooley; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara; Guests Steve Ballou, Land Trust

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.
2. March 2009 draft minutes were reviewed. Minutes were accepted with out change.
3. It was discussed that the Town Web Site was a good place to read comments from citizens on important issues affecting the Town.
4. Great Pond Trail Improvements: Mike Duddy indicated that the work at Great Pond involving the 8th grade students went well. It was three day collaboration between the CC, Land Trust, 8th grade classes, and Public Works. Specific projects included:
 - Clearing and debris removal across from ice cream stand and other areas
 - Placement of ground fabric and gravel over portions of trail
 - Completion of 20 ft section of boardwalk in wet area along CELT land
 - Widened trail near Spurwink River
 - Build an 18 ft long board walk near beach area off Fenway
5. It was agreed that during the next meeting the CC and Land Trust would discuss further teaming on projects next year involving the 8th grade class.
6. Maureen indicated that Great North Docks would make every effort to repair the damaged bridge sections at Great Pond prior to the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony, which is scheduled for June 26th at 3:30pm.
7. Need additional signage on new corridor along the Great Pond trail.
8. After a discussion with the landowner, John Planinsek suggested that the CC consider moving the trail head sign on Broad Cove to a point closer to the bridge crossing. Maureen agreed to make contact with the land owner to meet and discuss options for sign placement.
9. Dick Bauman recommended a new trail head sign on Starbird Drive, and signs leading from the public gardens along the field to the more defined wooded section of the Gull Crest trail. It was agreed that available CC members would meet at Gull Crest to locate signs at 10:00am on June 11th.

10. Mike Duddy and Steve Ballou agreed to meet at Winnick Woods to locate sign placement where the Winnick Woods trail (Town) intersects the Dyer Hutchinson trail (CELT). Meeting time TBD.
11. Public Works has agreed to mow the Winnick Woods meadow the first time this spring and once per year. CC will consider hiring a contractor to mow the meadow once per month, or as needed.
12. The Town web site (CC Trail link) is in the process of being updated. Updates will include a Town wide trail map. A first cut of the narrative for the Gull Crest trail should be reviewed by CC members.
13. Mike Duddy suggested that board walks be built on both sides of the Spurwink Bridge, due to the close to impassable nature of the trail (wet and muddy). Work would be done by CC members and other volunteers. Recommends 12 +/- people to get the work done. A materials list will be put together and the CC agreed to purchase the materials and construct the boardwalks.
14. It was agreed that the monthly trail walk would consist of sign placement along the Gull Crest trails, scheduled for June 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.