

Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2009

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.
2. June 2009 draft minutes were reviewed. Minutes were accepted with out change.
3. Trail Signs
 - John Planinsek installed 12" CC sign at tennis courts and smaller standard size signs at other locations along the Town Center trail.
 - Dick Bauman suggested a bollard sign at intersection along school drive.
 - Discussed sign placement at Broad Cove. CC agreed to place the sign on the other side of the drainage ditch. Motion made to install sign on other side of drainage ditch from road. Motion passed.
 - Maureen to double check with public works on status of sign placement along field at Gull Crest.
 - John Marchewka to walk Cross Hill trails and place trail signs where needed.
4. Trail Maintenance

CC agreed that mowing at Winnick Woods could be done 1/yr in the fall by public works. Pathway should be mowed to a minimum width of 5ft. Discussion continued on mowing frequency beyond what public works will do. Motion made to hire out mowing of the pathway as a one time pilot program. Mowing would be done during the spring and summer when the grass grows to 12-inches high. Mowing would not continue beyond October 2009. Motion passed.
5. Winnick Woods Parking Lot Expansion

CC discussed the proposed parking lot expansion. Motion made to authorize expansion of the parking lot at Winnick Woods to include grading and seeding around the periphery, and to review engineering design plan for comment prior to presentation to the planning board. Motion passed.
6. CC members to review and comment on the text and format of the trail link in the Town's web site.
7. The CC discussed establishing trail access from Scott Dyer Road to the Town Center trail through the Village Crossing Town easement.
8. John Marchewka to take photographs of each Town trail head and provide the photographs to Maureen for incorporation into the Town trail web site.

9. John Planinsek discussed the damaged/removed pole caps on the new Great Pond board walk. John indicated that there were 78 caps missing; the caps need to be replaced. John is looking into option for purchasing caps.
10. CC reviewed the Autumn Tides – Lot 1 proposal to move driveway. Motion made to recommend to planning board to allow proposed driveway relocation at Autumn Tides. Motion passed.
11. John Planinsek recommended that a 350 ft section of the Gull Crest inner loop be repaired by placing fabric and gravel. The trail section is very wet and practically impassable during most times of the year. Motion made to obtain labor and materials quote to complete the work. Motion passed.
12. Trail walk is scheduled for 9:00am, September 12th. CC members will meet at Gull Crest Community Gardens and assess the outer loop for construction of a board walk. Measurements will be taken to obtain price proposals for materials and labor to complete the project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.