

Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Attendance: Conservation Commission members: Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, Mike Duddy, John Marchewka; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. Guest: Seth Sprague and John Greene (Sprague Corporation), Scott Townsend, New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA).

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. November 2009 Draft minutes will be available for review at the January 2010 meeting.
3. Sprague Easement Update
  - CC members and Sprague Corp. representatives agreed to focus on completing the Fenway side of the Great Pond easements and once finished, move on to revising the Golden Ridge side of the easement.
  - CC members will take care of completing the boat racks.
  - Discussed language in easement related to pedestrian use only vs. pedestrian use and non-motorized bicycle use. Agreed to keep language as is, which is consistent with the language in the original version of the easement.
  - CC made a motion to recommend approval of the draft easement. Motion approved.
4. Misc. Trail Improvement Projects
  - Winnick Wood's parking lot has been completed.
  - Scott Townsend of NEMBA discussed trail maintenance at Winnick Woods, which would include a bench cut along a steep portion of the trail, and requested that gravel be staged along the trail for future maintenance projects. CC members agreed to allow representatives of NEMBA to perform the bench cut with a condition that the CC be notified prior to beginning the work, so that a representative of the CC could be there. The CC agreed to look into the cost and logistics of delivering gravel to the trail for future maintenance projects.
5. CC members reviewed the Gull Crest trail maintenance proposals and voted to recommend LP Murray's proposal, which was the low bid.
6. CC discussed the missing riser pipe caps for the Great Pond board walk. John Marchewka agreed to measure the pipe diameter and research piping vendors to obtain replacement caps.
7. Reviewed and discussed Berry subdivision plan that has gone before the Planning Board. CC has no recommendation or comments to the Planning Board.
8. Reviewed the updated trail maintenance plan. Discussions included breaking down the projects that the CC members could complete, projects which the CC

would ask for assistance from Public Works, and projects that would likely require outside contractors to perform.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.