

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Attendance: Commission members: Dick Bauman, Marti Blair, Dena Desena, John Planinsek, Town Council Liaison Jessica Sullivan and Town Planner Maureen O'Meara.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7.10 pm
2. May & June minutes were approved without change.
3. The Commission agreed to renew its membership with MEAC.
4. Commission reviewed a draft copy of the Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations. The decision was made to describe the posting of agendas and minutes to the rules and review them again next month.
5. Whaleback Ridge – M. Blair walked the trail with Dale Brewer who has been hired by the Commission to GPS the green trails. She noted that several green trail signs that she had recently installed were missing.
6. Replacement caps for the boardwalk at Great Pond have arrived. M. O'Meara has transferred the caps to Alan Leathers who has volunteered to install them for the Commission.
7. Skip Murray is hoping for some dry weather in August so that he can start work on spreading gravel on the trails at Gull Crest. The DEP permit has been issued.
8. Winnick Woods – The last of the gravel has been removed from the parking lot and spread on the trails by volunteers from NEMBA.
9. Online Greenbelt Maps – D. Brewer has completed GPS'ing the majority of the trails. M. O'Meara showed the commission the rough maps as they currently look. A few minor side trails look to be missing. M. O'Meara agreed to bring larger mock-ups of the individual trails to the next meeting so that they could be studied with a little more detail. She also was planning on contacting CELT to see if they had any maps of their trails that they would be willing to share with us.
10. Leighton Farms – The Commission recommended that M. O'Meara contact D. Brewer to see if he would be willing to find the survey pins for the Steeplebush access trail.
11. D. Bauman mentioned that several trails were in need of mowing including; the trail from the parking lot by the community gardens in

Gull Crest, the area around the shed in Winnick Woods and the connection between the Village Crossing and the Town Center trail. M. O'Meara stated that Public Works had completed some mowing in early spring with the hope that by doing a hard cutting in spring the trails would stay open throughout the summer. This experience may indicate that more frequent mowing might be necessary. M. O'Meara said that she would contact Bob Malley at Public Works to see if they would be willing to complete some additional work.

12. M. O'Meara presented information on the Water District plan for work at Spurwink Avenue adjacent to the waste water treatment plant. The plan is to pave a small section of a gravel parking lot and remove vegetation along a right-of-way so that additional pipes maybe installed around the plant. The Commission has no opposition to the RPI permit but requested that the workers attempt to minimize any removal of vegetation along the right-of-way.
13. M. O'Meara gave an extensive presentation on proposed work for the Shore Road Pathway and how this work might impact wetlands in the area of construction. The Commission unanimously supported the Resource Protection Permit for the Shore Road Pathway.
14. The decision was made to skip any monthly trail walk for July.
15. The decision was made to skip the August meeting so that the Commission could focus their work on the Open Space Management Plan during the August time slot.
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.