

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Attendance: Conservation Commission members: Dena DeSena, Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, Judith Dooley, John Marchewka, Marti Blair, Mike Duddy; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara; Town Council Liaison Jessica Sullivan.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. May and July 2010 Draft minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure (CCRP)
CC members reviewed the draft version of the CCRP and discussed its contents. CC members approved of the contents and recommend submittal to the Town Council for review and adoption.
4. Green Belt Mapping Project
Dale Brewer (surveyor) will have the updated maps completed for CC review by next month's meeting. Maureen discussed an opportunity to enter Cape trail maps into the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) GIS system at no charge to the Town. CC members briefly discussed some of the possible pros and cons pertaining to Cape trail maps having wider access by the surrounding communities. CC members agreed to continue discussions once additional information is available regarding the logistics of getting Cape trail maps into GPCOG's GIS system and following completion of Cape's trail maps.
5. Misc. Trail Improvement Projects
 - John Planinsek indicated that he had performed some trail clearing of the Spurwink Overlook trail, but that the trail was very overgrown next to the field and will require additional work and clarification of the trail's exact route; it wasn't immediately obvious.
 - Maureen indicated that Jim Green of Public Works said that Public Works plans on constructing a paved apron at the entrance of the Winnick Woods parking lot. A few public comments have been received indicating that vehicles have spun their tires on the gravel next to the paved road when exiting the parking lot, causing ruts. The paved apron might help to alleviate that situation.
 - John Planinsek indicated that he weed wacked around the Winnick Woods kiosk. The field has been mowed and is in good shape. Dick Bowman indicated that a more consistent maintenance schedule is needed at Winnick Woods, especially around entrance to the parking lot, kiosk, and round the edges of the parking lot. CC discussed the overall maintenance plan that is being completed for all the trails and how the work can best get done.

- Reviewed format and content of maintenance schedule. CC members are pleased with the new format; members indicating that it is easy to follow. Maureen will add “non annual” work items to schedule.

6. Planning Board Agenda Items

CC members reviewed the proposed plans for “pond clean-out” on the Poole property off Old Ocean House Road. Maureen described the proposed project and CC members asked questions pertaining to permitting, erosion, and stabilization. CC members were comfortable with the plans and have no comments for the Planning Board on this project.

7. Monthly Trail Walk

CC’s monthly trail walk will be held on Sunday September 26th at 8:00am. The trail walk will be at Highland and Two Lights trails. Meet at Jordan Farms Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.