

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011

Present: Dena DeSena, Zach Matzkin, Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, John Marchewka, Marti Blair, Town Council Liaison Jessica Sullivan, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Citizen's comments. None.
3. Minutes of January 11, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved.
4. Workplan
  - Submit a workplan to Town Council for 2011
  - Try to get out to all the trails to inspect them in the Spring
  - Gull Crest Trail. At one point the Nordic ski team wanted to extend their trail to the floating boardwalk area. Since that plan now seems to be in abeyance, we should investigate ways to improve the trail surface on both approaches to the floating boardwalk.
5. Correspondence. Letter received from Mike McGovern to Phillip and Susan Clifford regarding purchase of 2.67% interest in Loveitt Woods. Letter sent to Martha Pulsifer, intern, acknowledging maintenance field survey work she did.
6. Gull Crest Trail improvements. LP Murray has completed the work. We paid them for \$700 worth of work and they donated approximately the same amount, plus they left some materials out there. Their gift will be officially accepted by the Town Council and has been submitted to the Town Clerk for her records.
7. Great Pond boats storage 2011. Starting February 28, we will send letters out to everyone who got a permit last year, do a press release in the "Courier," include it on the town website. The Commission agreed to make some changes to the program, including establishing a lottery for issuing permits and a commitment to monitoring for use this season.
8. Budget Update/maintenance request. The history in the budget request is helpful. On page 2, the first paragraph, in retrospect it was probably a good idea that we did not procure the equipment to do the maintenance ourselves. The Commission agreed to add a statement to the effect that perhaps we were over-ambitious. On page 1, the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the amount of 15.6 linear miles seems to be a little low. Add a statement that says we expect that number will be growing.

Motion: To recommend that the attached Budget recommendation, as amended, be approved, subject to final approval by the Chair. Passed unanimously.

This item will come before the Council Finance Committee workshop during the Public Works 640 account review, either on Wednesday, March 16 or Monday, March 21.

9. Monthly trail walk. Saturday, March 5 at 8:00. Meet at parking lot at pump station.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.