

## Conservation Commission Minutes

February 12, 2013

Present: Garvan Donegan, Richard Bauman, Zach Matzkin, Mitch Wacksman, Marti Blair, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of January 29, 2013 were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Correspondence. None.
3. Report from Town Planner.

Conservation Commission has \$5500 available in its budget.

A training session could be scheduled for the Commission. The Planning Board is going to meet with the new Code Enforcement Officer on Tuesday, April 2; the Commission could use this opportunity to meet with the Planning Board. It would be helpful to have training regarding wetlands and Resource Protection permits, as these are the overlapping topics between the two groups. Also, setting aside land when a development is approved.

The Town Center Planning Committee is being formed. A Conservation Commissioner may apply to join.

4. Whaleback Trail. Some Commissioners went on a trail walk and inspected the stream area where we plan to replace a bridge. It would be nice to find a different point of access than climbing over the guardrail on Route 77 and going down the steep embankment. We questioned whether DOT would allow us to build a switchback there. Across from the entrance on Whaleback, there is another little lot with an old circular path. The Whaleback Trail was featured with a nice article by the Planner as trail of the month in the Courier.
5. Town Farm Trail surface stabilizing. The completion of this project is on hold until conditions are more favorable.
6. Loveitt Woods. A meeting is still planned with the landowner regarding access.
7. Dyer Woods Cliff Ave. Connector. In December the trail along the fence by the condominiums was under water, this needs to be checked out.
8. Winnick Woods Shrublands Management. The project is underway, probably will be finished soon.
9. Boardwalk bridge over Spurwink. The Planner will be posting signs to prohibit snowmobiles.

10. 2013 Greenbelt Plan. On the town trails map, the 2001 potential trails are shown in gold, 2013 potential trails are shown in purple.

Number 1 goes from Blueberry Ridge/Dyer Woods to lots on Forest Road and Oceanview through Cape Woods past Hemlock Hills.

Number 2 runs along the back side of Sawyer Marsh.

Number 3 is access down Wentworth Road to Canterbury.

Number 4 is Waverly Road paper street that connects to Stonybrook and connects to a paper street to Shore Road.

Old number 4 is halfway done, it includes Cottage Brook and connects to the land given by Fern Petty. This is probably unuseable. The lower part of old number 4 can be connected in to Canterbury.

Number 5 runs from Loveitt Woods to Shore Road at Plaisted Park to the Fort with a connection from Ivie Road.

Number 6 connects Canterbury to Route 77 and Hobstone.

Number 7 starts in Queen Acres on the South Portland line along Spurwink, crosses Maxwell farmland.

Number 8 connects Spurwink across from Purpoodock to Winnick Woods, 8 South connects the southern end.

Number 9 starts across from Bothels and runs along 77 to Lions Field.

Number 10 is Robinson Woods II, to Canter Lane.

Number 11 goes from Lions Field through Brentwood to Scott Dyer Road.

Number 11W connects Elizabeth Farms to the Upper Spurwink.

Number 11S goes from Leighton Farm/Wells Road to Spurwink Marsh.

Number 12 connects Gullcrest to Runaway Farms and connects Runaway Farm to Susan Road.

Number 12W connects from the lower end of Town Farm trail along the cemetery to Spurwink River.

Number 13 and 14 start at Ocean House and connect to Great Pond.

Number 14W follows Alewife Brook out to Alewife Cove.

Number 21 runs along the Surf Side Avenue paper street to Trundy Point

Number 16 runs from Avon Road to Turkey Hill via the towers.

Number 17 goes from the end of Ledgewood Lane and connects Broad Cove to Shore Acres.

Number 15 connects from the end of Wentworth to Great Pond.

Number 18 goes from the back of Turkey Hill Farm across to Broad Cove Road, there's a pond there.

Number 22 runs along the Cape Elizabeth side of the Spurwink River.

Number 23 goes to Little Pond in the Ram Island area.

Number 22/Great Pond goes all around Great Pond.

11. Planning Board review. The Subdivision Ordinance is being re-written.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Next meeting: March 12, 2013