

Conservation Commission Minutes
October 8, 2013

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

Guests: Noted below

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Discussion with Town Council Chair Jim Walsh.

The Town Council Chair thanked the Conservation Commission for their quality work in developing the Town of Cape Elizabeth 2013 Greenbelt Plan, which was received by the Council at last night's meeting. He invited the Commission to a Workshop with the Council next week, on Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Council chambers. They may hold a site walk prior to the meeting. The Council will then hold a public hearing, perhaps on November 6.

2. The minutes of September 10 were revised to correct the name of Commissioners in attendance. With revision, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Vinnie's Walk Proposal, Village Crossings

Karen Swasey, Executive Director, and Joel Jensen, Maintenance Manager, of Village Crossings off Scott Dyer Road. Vince Ciampi discussed his father's role in Portland as owner of Portland Appliance, and he gave tours of Scarborough Marsh to young children. His children would like to do something for Village Crossings because of the quality of care he received there, and that would be conservative and natural that other people could use. There is quite a lot of parking available, and they would like to do something that would support the children, since they do quite a lot of work with children.

The Town Planner has walked the site, and sees the ability to enhance the current walkway with paving stones and a bench. The only place that is muddy in the spring is in the wooded area. The residents would always be accompanied. The trail would be accessible by a person with a walker or automated wheelchair. A shorter loop would be possible. In the future, an informational display of wildlife might be included.

Nick Tamaro does the lawn maintenance for Village Crossings, and could go down to the trail and make a wide swath.

The Town Planner asked about the issue of the current trail being off the actual sewer line easement. An option would be to get an easement for the location where the trail actually is, the Town would prepare the easement and establish correct meets and bounds.

In the area just before the bridge there is a heavily rooted area, it would be helpful to even out the trail.

Motion: To accept the Vinnie's Walk proposal presented
by Village Crossings.

Passed 6-0

4. Stonegate Trail project

The Eagle Scout project was signed and is being submitted to the Boy Scout Council. Public Works should be requested to deliver the wood to the Public Works garage and provide a long power cord so it can be cut.

5. Dyer Woods project.

The gravel has been delivered.

6. Winnick Woods new trail.

A trail work day is scheduled for October 19, at 9:00 a.m. on Dipper Lane in Eastman Meadows. Pin flags will be placed in advance.

7. Planning for Workshop with Town Council.

The page 10 goals need to be stressed, and individual trails need to be discussed in that context.

8. The Commission agreed to cancel the November meeting.

Next meeting: December 10, 2013