

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
July 30, 2012**

Members Present: Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Judith Johnson, Douglas Davis and Valerie Marshall

Absent: Eric Nelson (Clerk), James Marsh,

Staff Present: Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager and Lee Ann Tavares, Secretary

Meeting Opened

Chairman Boette opened the meeting, held in the Lower Meeting Room, at 7:00 PM.

Discussion Re: Eagle Scout Project

Thomas Donnelly from Boy Scout Troop 7 in Foxborough was in to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project at the Sallie property. He provided photos and an outline of his project. He detailed his plans for building an informational kiosk and trail markers. The posts will be dug in 2' deep. Doug recommended using Lexan in place of Plexiglas over the map. Mr. Donnelly explained his reasons for choosing this project which he feels will be a benefit to the trails and visitors. He is required to provide plans, all materials and funding as well as help from other scouts. He plans to finish construction in mid October. He also provided information about his fundraising ideas. Doug suggested selling candy bars at the football games. He outlined the items needed such as tools, wood, hardware and a GPS unit. Jane offered the use of the Commission's GPS unit and will send him a copy of Sarah's maps of the area. Mr. Donnelly asked if any permits would be required for the project and the Chairman stated no. The Commission asked about adding trail markers to the Warner trail as well. Jane provided Mr. Donnelly with some of the Commission's metal trail markers. Val offered use of her personal truck should he need help transporting wood. Jane added that the Commission also has a truck. Mr. Donnelly asked about affixing a small logo of the donator onto the kiosk. Judy was against logos but suggested a list of those donating to the project instead. Jane suggested identifying the trails on private property owned by Sentry Co.

Motion was made by Valerie Marshall to sign Mr. Donnelly's Eagle Scout project beneficiary form; seconded by Judi Johnson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Discussion Re: Enforcement Order – 52 Neponset Heights DEP #157-494

Homeowners Yuanfang Deng and Yung-Fong Cheng were present along with Mr. George Lincoln to discuss their proposed restoration plan. All rip rap will be removed and used in front of the existing deck on a grassy area. Haybales will be installed. They will use seed mix along with plants to restore the 25' no work area. The Commission recommended doing the seeding and planting in the fall.

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to accept the proposed restoration plan for 52 Neponset Heights Avenue dated 7/30/12; seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Request for OoC Amendment, 46 Beach Street, DEP #157-494

The applicant's representative Bill Buckley of Bay Colony Group requested a continuance to August 13, 2012 as he has not received information regarding the arborist from the homeowners.

Motion was made by Alan Curtis to continue to August 13, 2012 at 7:05PM; seconded by Judi Johnson. **Vote: 4-0-0**

General Business

- Upper Carpenter Pond Dam – Jane stated that the dam has been officially decommissioned by the State. Judi asked that this information be added to the Open Space & Recreation Plan.
- Neponset Reservoir - The Commission discussed phasing in limiting of boat motor size. It would have to be supported by lake owners and go before the Selectmen. They also discussed prohibiting motor boats in the cove area where there are high concentrations of cadmium. Judi stated that the NRRC would support limiting motor size. They will be in next month and it can be discussed at that time. Judi noted concerns about the spreading cadmium concentrations.
- Jane presented the Planning Board's proposed Quit Claim deed for the "Highlawn Estates" conservation restriction.

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to accept and sign the Highlawn Estates deed; seconded by Douglas Davis. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Lee Ann was asked to draft and send a letter to the Planning Board informing them that the deed was signed.

- Judi composed a tribute to David Risch which will be sent to the newspaper. Also, a legacy tree will be planted at the Sallie property. Doug suggested dedicating a picnic area at the North Street property after the house is razed.
- Judi stated that the Neponset Reservoir dam needs mowing. Jane will contact the DPW.
- Val suggested a community outreach program such as a photo contest to design a logo for T-shirts for Earth Day and will look into this further.
- Jane presented copies of the Open Space Plan for the Commission to review. Copies are all made and need one more section copied as well as the dividers added. The Commission complimented Jane on all her hard work adding how impressive the Plan was. Judi suggested asking the Board of Selectmen to create an Open Space Committee and getting folks on board.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Valerie Marshall to close the meeting; seconded by Judi Johnson.
Vote: 5-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 8/1/12

Read by Jane Sears Pierce: 8/13/12

Approved by Commission: 9/17/12

Documents, Not Referenced Above, Reviewed During Meeting

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, July 30, 2012

Location of Other Documents:

2. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in Conservation Commission's office.
3. Referenced projects' documents: please see Conservation Commission's project files