

Present: Scott Kukshel, Peter McVay, Michelle Veasey

December 6: Since there was no quorum, Scott Kukshel, chairman, led a workshop session starting at 7:43 pm.

Guests: Mark and Marianne Bonaiuto

### Agenda items

Guests and abutters of the Daniel and Margaret Osborne Big Island Pond expansion were present to discuss the new proposal for expansion by the Osbornes of the island property and the landward access. There are major concerns of the environmental impact of the expansion, but any action was deferred because of a lack of commission quorum.

Approval of the secretary report for November was deferred to the next meeting.

The budget for the year was \$3,355, and \$3,000 is left, with two expenditures of less than \$100 outstanding to the end of the year. Two items will be added to the budget for approval by ballot for next year: addition of funds for mowing of conservation lands, and transfer of unused funds to the capital reserve fund.

New member recruitment was discussed. It was noted that we have two positions open on the Commission.

### Dredge and Fill/Site Walks/Complaints

Scott had received information about filling of wetlands on North Broadway. No action could be taken because of the lack of a quorum.

### Special Projects

#### *Town Lands & Trails Brochure Project*

Michelle organized a Trails Work Day on 6<sup>th</sup> November, which included members of the Commission and town boy scout troops. Trails were cleared and laid from the access of the old Dickey land on Woodlawn Avenue to the Sawmill Swamp conservation area. The activity was a huge success, and there will be followup for additional potential scout activities related to trail maintenance and conservation.

Pete sent off the conservation land list for the Statement of Work to the Rockingham Planning Commission, but no reply has been received yet. Michelle showed examples of several different town trail maps on single sheets. Pete will work on a draft of a map of approximately 14 inches by 22 inches, and get a printing estimate. Michelle will also work with Pete on a draft.

Tim is surveying conservation areas that may need culverts for runoff control. Keach-Nordstrom will do culvert permitting whenever it is needed. \$1,500 is available in the budget for any culvert work. Michelle volunteered to check with Keach-Nordstrom about culvert permits.

Pete reported signs down and ATV damage on trails on the Marshall Land. Members reported that residents near the Marshall Land had stopped calling infractions into police

because of the fear of retaliation. Pete will investigate these reports.

*Wetlands Article*

Scott presented public hearing reports of 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> November, and 1<sup>st</sup> December. The draft article was moved to ballot by the Planning Board with one wording change: the definition of "wetlands" was changed to "wetlands resources" to avoid conflict with the new state definition of "wetlands".

*Conservation Web Site*

Scott has brought the new Conservation Web Site online, and it is up and running with a new format.

*Other Business*

Planning Board minutes and agenda. Peter Lewis has submitted a new zoning amendment for consideration at the town meeting. The planning board is studying their own draft of the amendment.

The ATV notice and ban may have expired. Tim Dziechowski was going to get an extension, but the status is unknown since Tim is out of town.

The annual monitor report for the community center (Trinity lands) is due December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Next meeting date** is January 3, 2005.

The workshop discussion ended at 9:20 PM.