

South Berwick Conservation Commission

July 27, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

Present: John Klossner, Marilyn Ladner, Steve Bayse, and Pat Robinson

Absent: Smilie Rogers

Guest: None

Next Meeting: August 24, 2011

Minutes of June 22, 2011: Marilyn moved to accept the minutes. John seconded the motion. All approved.

Mail: None

Commission's input for the Quamphegan was due by July 18th. Steve had provided a draft article, Pat edited and submitted by the deadline. Steve to send a copy of the Open Space survey to Town for posting on the Town website; this supports the Commission's article submitted for the Quamphegan.

On Going Business:

Open Space Planning: Initial citizen survey was done at the Thursday, July 21st, Hot Summer Nights concert. Approximately 25 surveys were completed; several individuals provided input on the areas important to them on the displayed Town map as well.

Commission reviewed the Town map being used with the survey. Map will be updated with additional labels such as: all rivers, streams, ponds, several major roads, Town Forest, Vaughn Woods, Oris Falls Conservation Area. Pat to take input on additional labels to request the map updates by Sue Bickford (Wells Reserve).

Commission intends to participate at the remaining Hot Summer Nights concerts to gather additional citizen input using the survey and the map. Reviewed Commission member's availability to be present for the concerts.

Vaughan Woods: John shared a draft of the poster he created concerning the woolly adelgid. Commission discussed and John will update and have printed and laminated.

Town Forest: No new updates. Items still outstanding include: Steve to contact the Town Fire Chief to discuss and obtain his view on the possibility of allowing a campfire by the Boy Scouts. Steve and Smilie to explore other Town Forest procedures for camping and/or camp fires as a means of ideas for our Forest, if allowed (i.e. Salem, NH Town Forest).

Mt. Agamenticus: Pat reported that she had not yet received the July 20th Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee meeting minutes. Pat will forward them to the Commission when received.

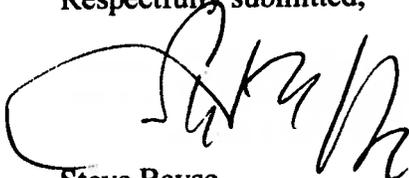
Invasive species control: No new information concerning student involvement in creation of “fact sheets” on local invasive species that could be posted in the Town website.

New Business:

Town Budget: Pat advised the Commission that due to the current Town budget concerns, we may be asked to cut our budget by up to 10%.

Continued a general discussion on fostering continuous road improvement/clean-up by providing a means of disposal of road side trash/debris on an ongoing basis. The idea of sponsoring a second road clean-up day each year was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Bayse