

South Berwick Conservation Commission

November 30, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: None

Guest: Audrey Fortier

Next Meeting: January 25, 2012

Minutes of October 26, 2011: Pat moved to accept the minutes as corrected: corrections made were the previous meeting minutes date changed from reading October 26, 2011 to reading October 6 and the invitation was extended to Steve Walker from Beginning with Habitat, not Paul Schumacher. Marilyn seconded the motion. All approved.

Mail:

None

New Business:

None

On Going Business:

Budget: No new information.

Town Planning Board: No new items of interest reported.

Town Forest: Discussed interest expressed by Eric Mundell in becoming involved with the Town Forest. John to contact Eric and review the projects we have discussed and gauge his level of interest in participating.

Commission reviewed the projects and ideas for the Forest, which included: covering/restore skidder trails; fix/re-route trails; trail signage; replace kiosk; Boy Scout participation; potential for Boy Scouts camping permission/permit; develop a "Friends of" group; develop geocaching opportunity.

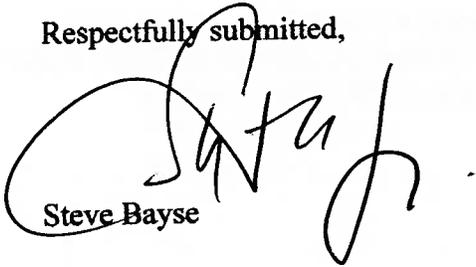
Mt. Agamenticus: John Branagan is now representing South Berwick on the Mt. Agamenticus Steering Committee.

Commission discussed issues related to South Berwick's reduced contribution in FY2012 to the Mt. Agamenticus Conservation Coordinator position. Commission discussed ideas for restoring the Town budget support of this funding. Agreed that we should again invite Robin Kerr, Mt. Agamenticus Conservation Coordinator, to make a presentation to the Town Council.

Open Space Planning: Pat reported that Paul Schumacher, Executive Director of the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, is submitting a grant request to the Maine State Planning which may result in funds to support or Open Space Plan process. This grant request requires a letter of support from the Town Manager. Pat will follow-up with the Town Manager concerning this letter of support.

Committee discussed a set meeting date schedule for the Open Space Planning Committee meetings. Proposed third Tuesday of each month. Pat will communicate this to the individuals that have attended the initial meetings and/or have expressed interest.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Bayse