

South Berwick Conservation Commission

March 28, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: None

Next Meeting: April 25, 2012

Minutes of February 22, 2012: Smilie moved to accept the minutes. Marilyn seconded the motion. All approved.

Mail:

Received notification from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust about the Maine Land Conservation Conference 2012, to be held April 27-28 in Topsham, ME.

Several Commission members received an email from Laura Minich Zitske, with the Maine Audubon. Laura is requesting help to promote their new endangered species project in southern Maine. They are seeking volunteers to walk our predetermined one-mile survey routes while keeping an eye out for roadside wildlife. The project focuses on Blanding's turtles, spotted turtles, black racer snakes, and New England cottontail. The information will be useful for town planners and highway departments in the area to mitigate effects of roads of endangered species. An information session will be held at the York Public Library on Friday, March 30, where people can learn more; this session is for everyone though it is our hope that municipal officials will attend. People that are interested in participating must attend a training workshop in either Sanford (April 7, 10:30am -2pm) or York (April 14 10:30am -2pm).

On Going Business:

Earth Day:

Notification of the Earth Day roadside clean-up on Saturday, April 21st was posted on the Town Public Notices on March 27th.

Posters: John had provided the Commission with draft copies of the Earth Day roadside clean-up and Well Water Testing notification posters. Steve made a motion to spend up to \$60 on the printing and laminating of posters for both the Earth Day roadside clean-up and the well water testing. Marilyn seconded. All approved. John will have the posters made.

Commission members will be at the Transfer Station Saturday, April 21st to assist with the placement of roadside trash in the designated dumpster/area. Transfer station assignments for

Saturday, April 21:
9am-11: Marilyn
11am-1pm: Pat

1pm-3: John
2pm-4: Smilie
4pm-6: Steve

Budget:

Pat and John reported that they had attended a budget workshop with the Town Council and Manager to review the Conservation Commission budget proposal for FY13. They reported they had a positive exchange in the meeting.

Town Planning Board: John made the Commission aware of a proposed development off Stacey Lane. This development project is referred to as "Granite Woods."

Town Forest: John Klossner to invite Eric Mundell and Karl Honkonen to the April 25th Commission meeting to further discuss the Forest and review projects. Karl had recently also expressed interest in working with the Boy Scouts in the Forest.

Projects to discuss include trails (rerouting and blazing), trail map creation, geocache opportunity, reseeding the loggin landing area, bridge work, and kiosk (repair/replace).

Open Space Planning: Next Open Space Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Upcoming Activities:

Earth Day road clean-up: Saturday, April 21st, 2012.

Well Water testing program: Saturday May 5th, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Bayse