

South Berwick Conservation Commission

December 12, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Smilie Rogers

Next Meeting: January 23, 2013

Minutes of October 24, 2012: Minutes were not submitted for review.

Mail: Pat received an email from the Town Manager which contained information on 2012 changes to the Maine Tree Growth and Open Space Tax Laws.

On Going Business:

Town Planning Board: Nothing reported.

Town Forest: Pat and John coordinated a work day to clear the trails of storm blow-down on November 24th. Commission discussed winter use of the forest and the potential snow plowing and parking issue concerns. We still need to create an updated general trail map now, once the kiosk is rebuilt a more formal/detailed map will needed to post on the kiosk.

Open Space Planning: A joint meeting with the Town Council, Planning Board and Town manager was held on Wednesday, November 28th. Paul Schumacher (SMRPC) and Jeff Normandin (Axis GeoGraphics) presented the development of the Plan and answered questions related to the Plan.

Paul and SMRPC is presently working to review and finish the draft of the Open Space Plan and documenting the connections to the Town Comprehensive Plan. We should expect another meeting in January with the Town Council and Town Manager to review and adopt the Open Space Plan.

The Town Open Space map in the Town Hall will be removed. Pat and Marilyn will document the placement of pins citizens have used to mark the map.

Invasive Species: Marilyn reported that she has contacted the Marshwood HS science teacher concerning this project.

New Business:

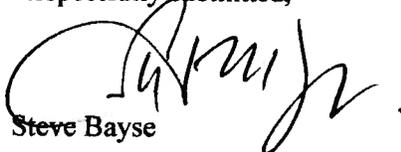
Annual Report: The Commission's 2012 Annual Report for submission to the Town Council and Town Manager needs to be completed. Marilyn to generate a draft.

Quamphegan: The Commission's input for the Quamphegan needs to be submitted. Article should include our upcoming events: Earth Day road clean-up April 20th and well water testing May 18th; Open Space Plan status; and Town Forest update.

Eagle Scout Project: The Commission may be asked to be involved/sponsor a Scout's bat house project.

2013 Meetings: Pat presented the 2013 dates for the Commission's monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Bayse