

**Town of Bennington  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting- June 20, 2013**

**Members Present:** Valerie Germain- Chair, John Baybutt, Joe MacGregor, and Rose Melanson

**Agenda:**

- 1. Minutes**
- 2. Eagle Scout Project**
- 3. Banner**
- 4. Perambulation Confirmation**
- 5. Other**

Chairwoman Germain called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**1) Minutes-**

- a. Minutes from the May 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

**2) Eagle Scout Project-**

a. Joe MacGregor presented Sean Campbell's Eagle Scout project to the Commissioners. Sean has raised money, organized and coordinated assistance to place 4 benches on the trails. Two benches made out of natural materials will be placed in the middle of the red pine forest. An additional bench was donated by the VFW and will be placed by the beech tree by the dam. The last bench was donated by the Paper Mill and Historic Society and will overlook the mill. The benches overlooking the mill and by the beech tree were purchased from an Amish Pennsylvania company.

b. Joe will meet with Sean to discuss where the Commissioners would like the benches placed. Jon Baybutt has offered any rebar scrap needed for the placement of benches to secure them down. Jon also offered rebar to Joe for stands along the trails.

c. Joe will extend the yellow trail from the center of the red pine forest to the railroad tracks, color of trail to be determined. Joe will make 2X4 stands for along the trails.

**3) Brochure Project-**

a. The Commissioners will contact Barry Dial to request use of seasonal pictures he has taken along the trails. These pictures will be used in the brochure and on the information stands.

b. Chairwoman Germain will have copies of the brochure to proof at the July meeting.

**4) Banner-**

a. Rose Melanson will play with the Vistaprint website to design an outdoor vinyl banner for the Town Earth Day Celebration held every April. She will forward designs to Chairwoman Germain.

**5) Perambulation Confirmation-**

a. The Commissioners will walk the Antrim-Bennington line on July 13, 2013. They will meet at the VFW at 8:30 am. Chairwoman Germain will bring paint and materials needed for the markers.

b. John Baybutt will work with Ben Haubrich to collect coordinates for the Greenfield-Bennington line. The Commissioners are looking somewhere in October to do the walk. If it is pre-deer season, John Cronin III will be available to join the Commissioners.

**6) Other-**

a. Joe MacGregor has contacted Kristie LaPlante regarding putting together a town map that marks all parcels of land, including roads, conservation land, water protection zones, gravel excavation sites, etc. South West Regional has one map that shows only two pieces of conservation land. Kristie LaPlant will continue research with South West Regional. Joe MacGregor will contact NH Granite State maps to see what they may have.

b. The Commissioners will look into having links on their town page for places such as the Conservation Society and a link to Barry Dial's pictures.

c. Joe MacGregor presented the River Committee maps made by Phil Harvey. Each town received three maps specific to their town that includes wildlife habitats, rivers, and zones. Joe MacGregor will keep the maps for now, but the Commissioners would like to see them displayed in some way in the future.

d. Joe MacGregor proposed purchasing a machine to be used for trail maintenance and tree trimming. MacGregor will research cost.

e. Correspondence-

1. Volunteers working for Wildlife workshop.

2. NHDES- FYI application returned to owner for a Mountain Road application.

3. Concord Conservation Center Field Trip 101: Lead a Guided Walk will be held July 18, 2013.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Conservation Commissioner Recording Secretary

