

**Town of Bennington
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – September 20, 2012**

Conservation Commission Members Present: Jon Manley, Joe MacGregor, and Valerie Germain

Agenda

- 1. Approve August Minutes**
- 2. CC Response to Master Plan**
- 3. Bruce Edes Forest**
- 4. Perambulation**
- 5. Other**

- 1. Approve August Minutes** – Minutes from August meeting were approved as written.
- 2. Response to Master Plan** – The Conservation Commission’s Master Plan portion was completed, reviewed at the Town Hall and printed for submission to the Planning Board.

3. Bruce Edes Forest

- a) The annual Bruce Edes Walk did not have any participants. The notice was in the September 6th edition of the Monadnock Ledger Transcript under the Monadnock by the Day section.

Action Item: In forthcoming years, we will post the event in the Town Newsletter that goes out with the tax bills.

- b) **Joe** is putting together a photographic journal of the forest. These photos could be added to the brochure and also added to the Conservation Commission’s site on the Town web page.

- c) Members discussed placing ID stands with numbers on them and place them around the forest. A scavenger hunt could be created using the markers so that families can have an interactive experience through the forest.

- d) Monday September 24th - Joe is meeting a Cub Scout group from Francestown at 5:30 to do a walk through the woods. **All members are welcome to join him.**

- e) Joe was approached by Steve Campbell whose son Sean is interested in heading up an Eagle Scout project to make benches for the forest. Joe gave him a copy of a map. Sean will come back to us with a proposal. The CC would act in a supervisory manner.

Action Item: **Jon’s** map of the forest will be given to Phil Germain to enhance and create a poster and brochure size map. It will need a heading - Bruce Edes Forest, Bennington, NH, a compass rose, and type handwritten locations

4. Perambulation – Joe spoke to Kristi and has perambulation documents between Francestown and Bennington signed off by Francestown Selectmen in 1982 as well as handwritten notes from 1943 between Greenfield and Bennington

Action Items: **Jon will contact Dennis about the perambulation planned**
Val will contact AA's in Greenfield and Francestown

5. Other

a) Fire Chief Mike Riona had approached Joe re: a grant. The State Conservation Committee's Conservation's Grant Program has money for Fire Departments and Conservation groups. The chief would like to use grant money for the corner lot at the intersection of North Bennington and Pine Meadows. There is a brook that runs through property – the property had become a stump dump during the development. The Fire Chief proposed excavating the lot to make a pond, i.e. establishing a wetland. Joe asked the Fire Chief to keep us updated on the grant and to bring related information to the Conservation Commission.

b) River Committee – At the last meeting Joe and John attended, they were briefed on Monadnock Paper Mill's re-licensing of the dams. Joe has the Final Study Reports for CC members to peruse.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Germain
Secretary
Conservation Commission