

**Town of Newington, NH**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 10, 2014

**Call to Order:** Chair, Jane Hislop called the April 10, 2014 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Nancy Cauvet; Jane Kendall; Ann Morton; Jim Weiner; and Thomas Morgan, Town Planner

**Public Guests:** Duane Hyde, Southeast Land Trust; Dave Kempton, UNH Thompson School; Cindy Gunn; Bill Murray

**1) Town Forest: Community Service Project by UNH students**

Mr. Dave Kempton, a student with the UNH Thompson School of Forestry presented a graphic model of the informational brochure and poster on invasive species identification and trail maps that he and two other students were proposing for the Town Forest. Mr. Kempton suggested placing a poster and the brochures in the new addition of the Langdon Library, and it was also suggested that another poster and brochures be placed in the Town Hall. Commissioner Cauvet asked if invasives would include poison ivy control and Mr. Kempton said that was a possibility.

Mr. Kempton went on to discuss the possibility of Thompson school students working on Town forestry projects, including a summer intern. Commissioner Weiner asked if they would be limited to the Town Forest or if projects could include Fox Point, and Mr. Kempton thought that would be a good idea as well.

**2) Old Business: Fox Point Easement**

Chair Hislop said she and Commissioner Weiner went before the Board of Selectmen to discuss terms of the easement. Mr. Weiner said they would like to ask former Conservation Commission Chair, Justin Richardson and Attorney F.X. Bruton to get together to work out an optimal solution for the easement. He said the Board of Selectmen wanted to put the easement into the deed for protection.

**3) New Business: Southeast Land Trust regarding Baird property**

Chair Hislop welcomed Mr. Duane Hyde from the Southeast Land Trust. Mr. Hyde informed the Commission that the Baird's had accepted their proposal to purchase easement rights on their parcel of property off Newington Road.

Mr. Hyde discussed contingencies, including the removal of the building on the site, parking space for only two cars, and that the Board of Selectmen would have to accept the easement as well.

Chair Hislop said she let the Board of Selectmen know that Mr. Hyde would meet with them. Mr. Hyde said there was no need to act until he was further along in the process. He said he would follow up with the title search, the environmental

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assessment, the baseline report, draft a purchase and sale agreement, an agreement between the Town and Southeast Land Trust, and a formal easement agreement. Commissioner Cauvet asked how long before the project was complete, and Mr. Hyde said he thought it would be sometime in August.

Commissioner Cauvet asked who would steward the parcel and Mr. Hyde said Southeast Land Trust had staff, an intern and volunteers.

***Jim Weiner moved to spend approximately \$215,861 on the Baird conservation easement project and authorize the Commission Chair to sign a letter of agreement with the Southeast Land Trust. Ms. Cauvet seconded and all were in favor.***

**4) Minutes**

***Nancy Cauvet moved to approve the Minutes for the March 13, 2014 meeting. Jim Weiner seconded, and all were in favor.***

**5) Election of Officers**

***Nancy Cauvet nominated Jane Hilsop as Chair for one year. Jane Kendall seconded and all were in favor.***

Chair Hislop welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Ann Morton. Mr. Bill Murray expressed interest in joining as an alternative, and Chair Hislop advised him to write a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

**Adjournment:** *Nancy Cauvet motioned to adjourn and Jim Weiner seconded. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.*

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 8, 2014

**Respectfully**

**Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary