

Members Present: Marlon S. Frink, Gail Pare, Jack O'Reilly, Cosmas Iocovozzi, Dorothy Watson, Barbara McDonald, and Sandy Hislop

Also Present: Dia Brickner-Wood (Great Bay Partnership), Bob Miller (Nature Conservancy), and Tom Morgan (Secretary)

Commencement: Chairman Frink called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

Correspondence: Morgan distributed Coastal Zone grant application materials.

Minutes of September 11, 2001: Frink amended the minutes by adding a notation that an article was to be submitted for the upcoming issue of the Newington Neighbor. Pare moved to adopt the minutes incorporating Frink's amendment. Hislop seconded. All in favor.

Great Bay Partnership: Brickner-Wood and Miller explained the Partnership's mission and their activities to date. Twenty properties in the bay area have been secured. The Partnership is comprised of nine federal, state, and private groups. On occasion, they partner with other local groups and municipalities. They have raised \$5 million in private funds and have secured \$3.5 million in North American waterfront grants.

They noted that the estuarine reserve boundaries have recently been expanded from Adams Point downstream to the Sullivan Bridge. This increases the number of properties that are eligible for federal NOAA grants. The properties must have frontage on the bay.

Newington properties that the Partnership is presently focused on include Fabyan's point, the Mazeau property on Great Bay, the Thomas properties, and Goat Island.

The monetary value of a conservation easement is determined by subtracting the post-easement appraised value from the pre-easement value.

Brickner-Wood recommended holding a public forum entitled "*Land Owner Options and Estate Planning*". Personalized invitations should be sent to owners of property that the committee has deemed to be priorities. She advised against holding the work session in November or December. She recommended Phil Auger or Charlie Tucker as speakers for the work session. She also recommended a venue other than the Town Hall. Pare suggested the Meetinghouse.

Brickner-Wood noted that the Piscataqua Charitable Foundation is another potential source of funding.

The committee then proceeded to examine a parcel map of Newington, and they discussed each of the properties on the priority list. Committee members also discussed facilitating boat access to the bay, and whether or not that would be advisable.

There will be an estate planning workshop at Durham High School on October 25th at 7:00 PM.

Gail will contact Phil Auger and start to organize a work session for mid-January.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 15th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Morgan will invite staff from the NH Office of State Planning to explain the Coastal Zone Management grant program.

Adjournment: McDonald moved to adjourn. Watson seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

T. Morgan
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