

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
March 9, 2009**

Members present: Bob Boette, Chairman, Al Curtis, Harold Blomberg, Doug Davis, Judi Johnson, Val Bataille-Ferry

Members absent: Bernie Marshall

Also present: Bill Hocking, temporary Conservation Agent

7:00 p.m. Meeting opens – Bob B. opened the meeting which was held in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 40 South Street.

7:00 p.m. Recreation Request for Program at CRP – Debbie Giardino, Recreation Director was present. Debbie G. said that she has been running a successful dog agility program inside. She said that they would like to move it outside to a fenced-in area. She is before the Commission to request that the program be at Cocasset River Park in the fenced-in area. She said the program would run once a week for one hour for 6 weeks. There would be 10-15 dogs in the class and they would be leashed or under the direct control of their owner. Deb G. explained the program. The dog waste would be picked up and taken off premises after each class.

The Commission discussed the matter. **Motion** by Val Bataille-Ferry was made to send a letter to Andy Gala asking him to contact Town Counsel to see if the use would be in keeping with the Judge's recent Order. Seconded by Al Curtis. Voted 6:0:0 in favor.

7:04 p.m. Continued Hearing Notice of Intent 45 Lakeview Road DEP File #SE 157-469 – The purpose of the hearing is for the reconstruction of a patio and deck and construction of 645 s.f. of additions to an existing function hall that lies partially within the buffer zone to an inland bank.

This hearing has been continued indefinitely.

7:05 p.m. Hearing Determination of Applicability Trails off Sprague Road – Bob B. read the hearing notice. The purpose of the hearing is to develop and improve the trail system and foot bridge located off Sprague Road.

Chuck Drayton, Friends of Camp St. Augustine was present. Chuck explained that they are working in conjunction with the Foxboro Recreation Department to develop a 2+ mile walking/nature trail for the Town of Foxborough. Initiating at the Cocasset River Recreation Area the trail would loop south through Water Department, Conservation and DCR properties. Chuck said that they have previously been before the Commission to explain the project. Chuck said that they received an exemption from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Chuck thanked Bill H. and Bob B. for walking the area. Bill H. said he saw no problem with putting in the bridge and the trails. Chuck D. said he would like to invite the members and Bill H. to the abutters meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Cocasset River Recreation Hall.

Motion by Val Bataille-Ferry was made that the area shown on the plan is subject to the Act but the proposed work is not dredging, filling, removing or altering and therefore a Notice of Intent is not required. Seconded by Judi Johnson. Voted 6:0:0 in favor.

7:10 p.m. Discuss OS & RP Survey with Chuck Drayton – Chuck agreed to help the Commission buy a website to put the Open Space Plan survey on. It will be called ‘Foxboro Conservation Survey.org’. The cost will be \$35.00. Chuck will have the website within 2 weeks. Copies of the survey will be placed at the, library, senior center, town hall, etc. and sent out through the schools.

Extension Permits – None.

Certificates of Compliance – None.

Planning Board Referrals – None.

85 Lakeview Road – Bernie M. had called the conservation office to ask Bill H. to look at 85 Lakeview Road because he thinks that there might be some filling of wetlands. Bill H. will look at the site.

Deed – Highlawn Farms – The Commission looked at the draft copy of the Highlawn Farms deed for the open space that is being given to the town as part of the open space residential development plan. The mailing address on the deed should be changed from 171 Mechanic Street to 40 South Street.

LL Bean Kayaking at Kersey Point – Bill H. received a call from Brad at LL Bean. They would like to use Kersey Point as a demonstration area for canoe and kayak introductory demonstrations. They would have between 10-14 people and two instructors with each group. Participants would arrive by bus and the instructors would arrive by car. The program would run from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Saturday and Sunday in June and Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July and August. Each session would last 1.5 hours. They also want to be able to store a trailer and equipment on site. Susan Connor from LL Bean in Freeport will contact Bill H. to talk more about the program. Bill H. will ask her about any liability involved and what protection they have.

The Commission agreed that this is a good idea and will discuss it after Bill H. speaks with Susan Connor.

Hunting on Conservation Land – Dave Risch had suggested that the Commission evaluate where people can hunt on conservation land. Dave R. thinks that hunting on conservation land

should be limited to the State Forest area west of Mill Street and the Lakeview area and east of East Street. Dave R. feels that the other conservation areas are becoming too developed. The board discussed the issue.

Candidates Night – Bob B. suggested having the 3 people running for Selectmen attend a conservation meeting so that they can learn what the Commission does and also about open space. The Commission agreed that the candidates should contact the Commission if they want to attend a meeting

Open Space and Recreation Plan – Val B. will contact Marc R. to set up a meeting to discuss the open space plan

Sign Vouchers & Accept Minutes – One voucher was signed for the Foxboro Reporter for ads for leasing properties. **Motion** by Harold Blomberg was made to accept the minutes of February 23, 2009 as distributed. Seconded by Doug Davis. Voted 6:0:0 in favor.

9:30 p.m. Motion by Judi Johnson was made to adjourn. Seconded by Doug Davis. Voted 6:0:0 in favor. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 40 South Street.