

**Town of Foxborough  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
April 14, 2009**

**Members present:** Bob Boette, Chairman, Doug Davis, Judi Johnson,  
Bernie Marshall, Val Bataille-Ferry

**Also present:** Bill Hocking, temporary Conservation Manager

**7:00 p.m.** Bob B. opened the meeting. The meeting was held in the Town Hall meeting room at the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**7:20 p.m. – Open Space** – Bob B. said that he had given a packet of information to the BOS last week. He said that at first, the BOS voted not to accept the gift of land on Ridge Road. He said that he received a memo from Andy Gala dated December 24, 2008 stating that the BOS feels that the town has enough conservation land at this time which is based on the chart that shows out of 15 surrounding towns Foxborough continues to be the highest when it comes to tax exempt value as a percentage of total property values. Bob B. said that he wants to point out that even though the graph is accurate in the tax exempt values, it is skewed by the value of Gillette Stadium. If you remove the \$333 million plus from the tax exempt values, the 17% total tax exempt values would drop to approximately 7%. Therefore Foxborough would fall in the middle of the surrounding towns.

Mark Sullivan said that the BOS have never taken a policy not to accept any conservation land.

Judi J. pointed out that it has been misinterpreted over the last year to represent acres of conservation land. She wants to make it very clear that this chart represents the value of tax exempt land not acres. Val B. said that nor does it represent just the value of conservation land; 58% is Gillette Stadium, 20% is schools and the actual percentage for conservation land is 5.8%. Val B. said that they did some research because they want to make sure that any policies that the BOS make is based on correct interpretations.

Jim Thrasher said that it is true that statistics are subject to different interpretations, we appreciate your coming in and pointing out that you have a different interpretation.

**7:40 p.m. Motion** by Judi Johnson was made to adjourn. Seconded by Val Bataille-Ferry.  
Voted 5:0:0 in favor