

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2012 - 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Goulet, Munn, Bogue  
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 10, 2012

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 10, 2012.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Munn, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Joellen Anderson reported that she has installed a display at the library showing trails on town-owned and privately owned open space.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Trail Erosion at Beebe Woods

Joellen Anderson distributed photographs of wet areas along the Beebe Woods trail. The boardwalks that have been placed over the areas are not long enough or high enough and people tend to try to walk around the water causing expansion of the trails. Vegetation is sparse and tree roots have become exposed. She has walked the area with the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. She asked the Conservation Commission for help. The Commission agreed to send a memorandum to the new Parks and Recreation Director outlining the problem.

2. Invasive Species Management

Joellen Anderson noted that she has seen a number of invasive plants on town-owned open space properties. She suggested a coordinated eradication program.

3. Trail Markings

The Commission discussed the idea of using universal trail markings on all trails regardless of who owns the property. Staff noted that the Parks and Recreation Department is considering setting up a trail committee and she has suggested that a Conservation Commission member be appointed. She will provide an update when available.

4. Adoption of 2013 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: To adopt the 2013 meeting schedule as presented.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Munn, so voted unanimously.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty reported that he and Munn attended the Energy Action Plan presentation.

Rafferty reported that Industrial Drive and Depot Road look clean and the Commission decided to schedule a litter pick up for early spring.

Goulet reported that the Tri-Town Trail Committee held a fundraiser. The Committee decided to start work on the trail in Preston and work south because Groton Utilities has not been receptive to the idea of a trail on their property.

Munn reported that she will not be able to attend the December meeting and the Commission cancelled that meeting due to lack of a quorum.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff distributed several newsletters.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Gail Munn, Secretary  
Conservation Commission

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