

Minutes of the Conservation Land Review Committee
October 22, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:15

Attended: Gary Langenbach, Chairman, Pine duBois, Barry Mathias, Sue Chamberlain. Mark Guidoboni arrived at 7:25. Austin Mason a consulting forester from Carver, also attended.

The minutes of July 30 and September 24 were approved.

Forester Austin Mason attended the meeting to discuss a forest management plan for Camp Nekon. With the 40R development coming to the area, a plan is needed to delineate boundaries, to manage the woodlands and trail maintenance, etc. Several activities were requested to help prepare a proposal for the forest plan. Austin agreed to do the following as well as submit a plan:

- 1) Talk to Andy Bachman about the Bernstein Property - conveyance to DCR from Mass State Highway
- 2) Check with Andy about any agreement the town of Kingston might have had with DCR about the Fire Tower -
- 3) Check on the Stewardship Fund from the State - is it going to be funded this year (in Environmental Bond Bill?)
- 4) Let the Review Committee know about Coverts; just wildlife and if so, when to apply
- 5) Provide a sample of a management plan on a property similar in size to Camp Nekon
- 6) There was a question about enforcing conservation around Wolf Pond.

Once these issues are addressed, the Conservation Land Review Committee will apply for Sampson funds to fund the work outlined in the plan. The cost would be around \$5000, which would include the cost for the plan and other services such as thinning and/or cutting for cord wood. Other funding sources were discussed including the Stewardship Fund from the state and Coverts grants, both of which Austin will explore.

Pine said she would:

Make color copies of the map Austin brought and give the original back to Austin

Make copies of deeds relating to Camp Nekon (and other town owned open space)

Turn in minutes for the August 26th meeting.

Gary was requested to:

Make the change on the DRAFT of Camp Nekon

"A beach on Smelt Pond recently closed to swimming"

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is November 19 at 7 p.m. and Mark is inviting Mandy to come and report Rec. needs.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Chamberlain