

**Conservation Land Review Committee  
October 28, 2009**

Attended: Dick Arruda, Gary Langenbach, Pine duBois, Sue Chamberlain and Mark Guidoboni (at 7:40 p.m.)

7:17 p.m. Gary Langenbach called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 26 and September 23 meetings were approved with the following corrections to the August 26 minutes: Jim Turrane does not work for the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) but still does soils work and can possibly be contacted on line.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Land Offer**

The Selectmen did not accept the offer of land from Charlotte Kells. The vote was split 2-2 because two of the Selectmen wanted to have a public access easement. The JRWA will accept the gift of Kells' land (a parcel connecting Smelt and Little Smelt Ponds.)

**Sampson Park and Faunce Memorial**

Discussion about when Sampson Park and Faunce Memorial Park were given to the town. Sampson Park was in the 50's and Faunce Memorial in the 70's.

**Camp Nekon**

Austin Mason has to write a prospectus to be awarded control of the grant project. Maureen Thomas is working with him to prepare this and Austin hopes to start work on November 1.

Dick Arruda reported that the Fire Tower was given, not leased, to the State.

The Selectmen will be asked if they would consider a conservation restriction be placed on the sensitive habitats in Camp Nekon, especially all around Rocky Pond.

The Camp Nekon Plan should include recommendations for the property. These would include what has to be done and how it could be accomplished. Examples discussed:

- Create conservation restrictions with 100 foot protection on sensitive sites
- Conduct a species inventory of flora and fauna to be done by intern, students, etc.
- Include permitted selective tree cutting into the Forest Management Plan.
- Investigate green certification within the Forest Management Plan.
- Complete bounds work and walked once a year to ensure integrity
- Walk the forest once a year to check against the Forest Management Plan
- Identify and then patrol pedestrian walkways.
- Establish surveillance to ensure no unauthorized motor vehicles

Create a Beach Management Plan for Smelt Pond  
Test Smelt Pond for water quality and suggested improvements  
Establish control for invasive species in ponds and sensitive habitats

## **ACTIONS**

Include pictures in the habitat plan.

Find out from Fish and Wildlife when they stock the ponds. – **Sue**

Get NRCS information from Bernie McHugh – Jim Turrane's counterpart – **Sue**

Cost out 1 doz signs. Sign to be simple language about 2' by 1 ½' to be mounted on a metal post. Talk to Maureen Thomas and then give info to Gary – **Sue**

Once the cost of the signs is calculated, write the Sampson Fund trustees to see if the money received from that grant could be used for these signs – **Gary**

Get a new printed copy of the core habitat map that is correct – **Gary/Pine?**

Get a zoning map - **Sue** ask Mary Lou

See if we can get an aerial map from Thorndike – **Pine or Sue?**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting is set for December 9, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by:

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