

Conservation Land Review Committee
June 25, 2008

Attended: Gary Langenbach, Chairman, Pine duBois, Barry Mathias, Sue Chamberlain,
Mark Guidoboni

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

A site visit to Camp Nekon, conservation and recreation property under the auspices of the Selectmen, took place on Sunday, June 22 with Gary, Barry, Mark, Pine, Sandy MacFarlane and Mandy Aran (invited by Mark Guidoboni from the Recreation Commission).

Pine recommended the following areas for discussion:

- 1) Recreation
 - a. Smelt Pond (weed management/milfoil study)
 - b. Trails
 - c. Camping
 - d. Beach
- 2) Natural Habitat
 - a. Rare Species
 - b. Forests
 - c. Ponds
 - d. Vernal Pools
 - e. The Great Pond (Smelt)
- 3) Access and Control
 - a. Dirt Bikes, etc.
 - b. Dumping
 - c. Parking
- 4) Maps
 - a. In holdings
 - b. Bounds of Nekon (PA Landers)
- 5) Fire tower
 - a. Lease
 - b. Possible wind turbine(s)

There was discussion about different points of access to Camp Nekon, especially the tunnel under the new Rt. 44 which allows ATV's access to the Camp land.

The Camp abuts the State Forest and it was agreed that the DCR would need to be part of the planning discussions.

Various properties that could be purchased to increase the open space around Camp Nekon were listed by owner: John Wager, Bobby Barbieri, and Ike Hathaway. Gary will find out who owns the sloped parcel next to Smelt Pond. Acquiring these lands would be a good use of CPA funds.

The impending new 40R development by Thorndike might mean that some parcels might get improvements as mitigation.

The resource areas need to be assessed and protected which include Great Smelt, Rocky, Pratt's, and Little Smelt Ponds (Gary)

It was agreed that a better map of the Camp Nekon area is needed to assess potential parcels that could be purchased adjacent to the Camp. Tom Bott will be asked to map the area with new software owned by the town.

Natural Heritage should provide a habitat assessment for Blanding and Box Turtles. Natural Heritage maps should be reviewed. (Gary)

Mark wanted to have areas marked for recreation. Discussion would include the beach on Great Smelt, the Scout camp area and the Offal Pits area.

Stakeholders who should be included: Scouts, Conservation Commission, Wildlands Trust, Recreation Department, Abutters to Smelt Pond, DCR, Natural Heritage, and Board of Selectmen, Highway Dept.

Action items:

- Gary: 1) Bring Pond study to next meeting
2) Write a letter to be sent to private parcel owners about potential CPA purchase of their properties.
3) Rt. 44 transfer information
- Pine: 1) Contact DCR about signage for "no bikes" and warnings of enforcement and fines.

Next meeting will be held July 30, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Chamberlain