

**Webster Conservation Commission
8 January 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Present: MJ MacGowan ,Linda Clark, Sally Embley, Bob Quinn and Susan Roman

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 pm

Bob Quinn was seated as an acting member. Susan Roman was appointed acting Secretary.

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were unanimously approved

Correspondence: Correspondence reviewed including a letter form DES stating that the Cloues application was incomplete and a renewal for membership in Ausbon Sargent that was tabled until March to determine fund availability.

Update on Phelps Easement Project: An update on the status of the Phelps easement will be provided by Susan Roman after she meets with the Five Rivers Conservation Trust Land Protection Committee on Thurs, January 10th.

Easement Monitoring: The Janeway, Rockefeller, O'Donnell and Riverdale easement monitoring has been completed. The Mock Forest and adjacent Phelps easement still need to be finished. It was decided to schedule a walk through those easements on Sunday, January 13th at 1 pm. Ms MacGowan will send an e-mail to all Commission members to invite attendance

Preparation for Meeting with WPB in February: The Commission reviewed the new natural resource maps to prepare for presenting them to the Webster Planning Board at that Board's February meeting. Bob Quinn suggested that the Commission spend more time learning about the maps and the resources shown in detail, identifying areas of high conservation values, and pursuing educational outreach with the information. The possibility of forming a subcommittee to undertake this study in order to achieve these goals more quickly was briefly discussed. Thus far, Ms Clark, Mr. Quinn and Ms Roman volunteered with others to join in as their time permits.

Winter Outing: A winter outing was tentatively scheduled for March 10th. Further details to be determined.

Annual Report: Ms MacGowan asked that if there was any input to WCC's annual report, that it be submitted to her for inclusion.

Vegetation Clearing at Pillsbury Lake; Ms Clark informed the Commission of the intended application of vegetation killer over the entire Pillsbury Lake. Concern was expressed about toxicity and potential polluting effects. Ms Roman will ask MJ Turcotte about the intended project and potential effects.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Roman
Acting Secretary