

WOODBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2010

Members in attendance:

D. Leavenworth  
I. Davis  
C. Volage  
J. King  
C. Samoska

Members absent:

D. Hutton  
(one position unfilled)

Also attending: Lori Hart, Nonnewaug Falls Subcommittee; Sharon Feeley, Open Space Subcommittee; Joseph Pistrutto II and Joseph Pistrutto,III, guests/volunteers; Kevin Moran, United Water Co (ret.).

Chairman Leavenworth called the meeting to order at 8:00. A quorum was established.

Minutes – C. Volage moved to accept the January meeting minutes, J. King seconded. Minutes unanimously approved. C. Volage noted that C. Samoska was left off the absent list.

New Business

Nonnewaug Falls Project – Joseph Pistrutto III spoke about the Nonnewaug Falls project he would like to take on this spring for his Eagle Scout requirement. Joe took a tour of the property in December with Mr. Leever and said he noticed right away that the markings around the parking area and along the trail were lacking. He would like to build an information kiosk with maps and general information just beyond the gate and trail markers to the upper falls area. Joe has met with the Nonnewaug Falls Subcommittee, and the Selectmen and Public Works personnel are interested and can provide some resources. Joe said he would plan to start in mid-May. He is working on funding with help from Lori Hart. D. Leavenworth suggested an article in the paper with photos to generate support and maybe donations. S. Feeley suggested Park and Rec be asked about a temporary account for any donations.

Spring Town-Wide Cleanup – C. Volage said that the information about the April 3 cleanup is out and that a letter went to Nonnewaug through Ms. Parlato for students to sign up to help. D. Hutton’s husband will handle the food. S. Feeley suggested a photo and article for publicity. S. Feeley suggested signs for where to drop off different categories of trash. C. Volage said that the Homeowners’ Brochure is on display at the library and will be sent to residents with the Shade Tree Committee’s annual mailing.

#### Subcommittee reports

Open Space - K. Moran discussed the status of the Reservoir property which is currently owned by the United Water Company. The main issue is reclassifying the property, which can’t currently be done. The State requires that the company provide a plan for a 50 year water supply, which the company could do (without the reservoir) if Well #1 is put back “on the list” as a viable supply. The well is currently “off the list” based on a Health Department determination that there is not a sufficient “sanitary radius” surrounding the well. The water company is trying to negotiate this easement so that the well can be relisted and the reservoir could then be reclassified. The other alternative is drilling a new well, which could take about three years to complete. S. Feeley asked if a review copy of the plan would be available. Mr. Moran said he may be able to get a copy for the Commission when it is complete. S. Feeley brought a copy of the Open Space map and reviewed the current information.

#### Old Business

Pollution Issues – Areas near gas stations and abandoned dumps/landfills are local sites being monitored. MTBE is no longer used in gasoline, so that early warning system for spills is not available (although MTBE was more difficult to clean up, it was easier to detect).

Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition – PRWC is sponsoring a series of public education seminars relating to “backyard protection” of the watershed; mailings have been sent out.

Correspondence – D. Leavenworth distributed copies of the Backyard Protection Seminars and gave C. Volage a volunteer sign up for the Cleanup.

Privilege of the Floor – An e-mail list was circulated so the Town administration would have the information.

March Agenda – Spring Cleanup.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda G. Kaelin  
Clerk