

Meeting - August 8, 1994

Present: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrad, Loralie Gerard, Ned Beecher, Charlie Townsend,
Peg King.

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2. Dick Alt presented arguments for a continued, concerted effort to further protect river and pond shorelines, especially the Mill Brook watershed with which he has already helped so much. Mr. Alt applauded Peg King's leading efforts in land protection along streams in town. He spoke of the need for more protection in order to save recreational and natural values along the town's streams. He gave a synopsis of the protection that has occurred along Mill Brook to date, referring to a detailed map drawn by Chris Conrad. Mr. Alt urged the Commission to create a Committee to oversee further protection efforts, and offered his services to that Committee. He suggested working with other Mill Brook land owners individually, pointing out the advantages for each of them -- from maintaining the natural integrity of the stream to receiving tax benefits. He agreed with Commission members that too public or pressured an approach was inappropriate. But, with a clearly-defined, concerted effort, he believes the considerable progress to date can be furthered, and that "it can work under conditions of diverse land ownership." John and others thanked Mr. Alt for his help to date and for his interest in furthering the process.

Discussion followed concerning Mr. Alt's presentation, and it was agreed that the Commission will continue to monitor land ownership along Mill Brook and take action on specific projects when the timing seems right--guided, in part, by Mr. Alt. Chris pointed out that the progress of land protection in town has been continual and incremental. Charlie suggested that when, in the future, contact with specific individuals was made, a copy of Chris's map should be included. All agreed that these protection efforts are a priority for the Commission.

3. Dick Alt was given the proposed wording for a sign to be posted on his easement properties. The language is similar to that found on the other easement signs recently placed on the Perkins Farm and Aspinall lots. Mr. Alt is interested in having a sign, and will review the wording with his sons. Chris pointed out that the money required for the sign has been authorized (July, '94 minutes).

4. Chris reported that, on Saturday, Aug. 13, Eric Anderson will pursue his Boy Scout Eagle Badge activities by cutting the new Perkins Farm trail and repairing the Jackman Pond trail near the Ambrose gravel pit. Chris has received permission from Mr. Ambrose to move fill with wheelbarrows, as needed. Ned will loan Chris a wheelbarrow and shovel. Chris is overseeing the work.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, Anderson will finish work at Jackman, if needed: and will begin painting the bridge at Hemenway. These priorities for Anderson were set by the Commission at Chris's request.

5. Chris reported that the total surface area of the Hemenway bridge is over 2000 sq. ft., and that about ten gallons of preservative will be required. The public will be invited to help with the painting on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 8:30 to 4:00. Chris and others will get there early to set up. Ned will publicize, encouraging "BYOBrush" and announcing that drinks will be provided (bring lunch).

VOTE I: To authorize Chris to purchase preservative for bridge painting, \$200.00.
(Ned moved, Charlie seconded. Vote-unanimous.)

6. At 9:30, all agreed to hurry through remaining items of agenda.

7. John pointed out that the NHACC News for Summer '92 notes that the Shoreline Protection Act and the "Expedited Minimum-Impact application system are now in effect. The Commission can help publicize both, educate about the former, and must set up procedures to deal with the latter. It was noted that "minimum impact" refers to a long list of scenarios, and that the Commissioners should refamiliarize themselves with what constitutes a "minimum impact" project.

8. John read a letter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests Conservation Camp that suggested that Kim Johnson, the camper sponsored by the Commission, should be able to help with some local conservation efforts in the near future. John agreed to contact Kim.

9. John reviewed a letter from the LRPC concerning Hazardous Waste Collection Day which included an appeal for the names of 5-yr. volunteers for recognition. Peg King was noted to be such a volunteer. Thanks also to Sue Trowbridge for her interest and help this year; she may be someone to contact in the future for help with other TCC business. More details of this year's Collection is forthcoming from the LRPC. Peg reported smooth going in Ossipee.

10. John reported on a letter from Lakes Region Conservation Trust about an upcoming workshop on easement monitoring.

11. John brought up the solid waste facility and the possibility of pay-by-weight trash disposal, as is done in Orlando, FL and elsewhere. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that some further efforts toward recycling and improved waste disposal would merit the Commission's attention.

NED BEECHER