

# Minutes: Mont Vernon Conservation Commission Mtg.

## September 10, 2008

Present: Andrea Baver, MaryJean MacGillivray, Earle Rich, Wes Robinson,

Jay Wilson, Garth Witty

Minutes from August 2008 Meeting were read. Earl Rich made a motion to accept as amended; Garth Witty seconded.

Discussion of Agenda Items as follows:

### Hebert Property

Wes told the commission that the logging on the Hebert property had been suspended due to the wet conditions. and would resume later in the season. Also, the 80 x 20 swath along the road has been put on hold until the logging has been completed because of the wetland behind it. It now appears that there is ample parking without doing a formal parking area. Trail marking will have to wait until the logging is finished and then it will be important to get in there and complete.

### Wah Lum Property

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We are going to need signage to mark trails. Dick Carleton did do some mowing at the View Lot and Earl brought up a weed cutter and work was done on the trail heading down due south to south Wah Lum was cleared.

Would like to discuss a larger swath on property with Dan Powers from Bay State Forestry.

Garth suggested that with a land management plan the maintenance mowing and other land management chores are best done in September.

Earl asked how are we going to designate trails with paint or tags. There is currently a "white" trail along the brook.

Earl made a motion to set another date for trail work at Wah Lum at the view lot. October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM (Rain date Oct 18<sup>th</sup>) was seconded and approved.

Earl suggested that we could really use a yard cart for this project, and Garth said that he might be able to borrow one.

### General Information

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Wes suggested we solicit help from the community for trail work that is needed on the CC properties, and that it would be nice to incorporate a picnic lunch into the equation to add some fun along with the work.

We also have two eagle scouts who will be doing kiosks.

Dan Allen will be doing the kiosk on Dow Road as well as cutting a connecting trail.

Josh Brackett will be doing the Kiosk at the Hebert Property.

The three gates for each of the following properties are done and can be installed:

Hebert, Upper Wah Lum & Archibald. Earl proposed that it would be helpful if the gates were dropped of at each of the designated sites and the Highway Dept. might be able to help with the digging. Jay suggested we find out the size of the tubes and the amount of concrete that is needed.

Lamson Farm Day is September 27<sup>th</sup> and we are planning to have a table with T-shirts and Note Cards for sale. We will also want to have our CC Banner.

We will sell the *shirts for \$15 ea. / 2 for \$25*. We will sell the note cards *for \$7 ea / 2 for \$12*.

Jay brought our attention to the fact that the Cemetery Trustees are looking to expand the cemetery and are looking at the possibility of the Rte 13 View Lot. The Library Trustees are looking to build a new library in the cornfield behind the Post Office. Both of these properties are town owned and are supposed to be maintained by the CC. It was discussed that the cornfield is a valuable piece of property for many purposes other than planting dead people, particularly with all the ledge, and it was decided that Jay should approach the affected parties and determine interest in opening further discussion on how the view lots could perhaps be better suited for that purpose.

Garth made a motion for Jay to communicate with the Cemetery Trustees that for both aesthetics and maintenance ground flush markers would be the best option for future planning. Obviously, there are lots of moving parts in any such discussion, so no decisions have been reached.

Wes suggested that with all the projects we have going, we need to look at getting grant money to help with funding.

Garth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:20 PM. It was seconded by Earl and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryJean MacGillivray