

Pownal Conservation Commission
Meeting minutes -- April 26, 2011

Attendees:

Tom Cushman, Ruth Hannan, Matt Welch, Jeff Raymond

Minutes:

The minutes for the February 22nd meeting were accepted.

Tom had several updates:

The timber harvest of the Sweetser Road lot has been started, but is not finished. (It's about 80% done. There is still wood on the ground which should be cleaned up soon, as weather permits.)
Shawn Bennett installed the culvert at the Sweetser Road lot.

Tom also spoke to Jeremy Stultz from Integrated Forest Management, Inc. (IFM). Per Jeremy, we have been chosen for an FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) audit. FSC would audit the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forest Lands (TCNEF). This would include looking at the management plan and a tour of the harvested property. So far, feedback on the auditing of our forest management plan has been good.

We discussed where papers, such as the audit and FSC-certification, should be stored. Ruth will contact the Selectmen and/or the Town Clerk to ask about this.

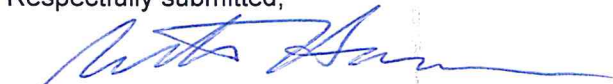
We also discussed trying to get (an unapproved) draft of the meeting minutes distributed to committee members and Selectmen via email by noon of the Monday following our meeting. Matt made a motion for this and we approved the motion.

Other business included contacting John Mann to proceed with the preliminary work for the Loring Lane lot (Map 8, Lot 54). Matt will contact John Mann and confirm the quoted estimate for the preliminary research work. (This was previously quoted at \$1,022)

We also briefly discussed the possibility of new members. Ruth will ask the Selectmen about this.

Also, Ruth will review what was written for the Conservation Committee report for the annual Town Report and start to draft something for this year.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hannan