

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building Conference Room
1600 Atlantic Hwy
Monday, Dec. 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** The Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Edward Fisher at the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Present were chairman Edward Fisher, Steve Cartwright, Jack Farlow and Norman Golden.

Also attending: Liz Petruska, executive director of the Medomak Valley Land Trust, Harry Cabot of Waldoboro, George Keyes of Waldoboro, and Selectman Ted Wooster.

2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were approved 4-0.
3. **River path/portages** - Harry Cabot talked about the concept of being able to paddle up the Medomak on the freshwater side, with portages. Others pointed out the water is low except in springtime and there are many impassible areas. The commission discussed the idea of a walking path along the river, and the concept of obtaining voluntary permission from landowners for such a trail. The landowner would retain the right to close the trail at any time, but would not be liable for anything involving the path or its users.
4. **Quarry Hill management plan** - The Commission voted 4-0, on a motion by Steve Cartwright, to recommend to the board of selectmen that they approve the bid for a management study submitted by Barrie Brusila (Mid-Maine Forestry) et al. It was one of two bids submitted, and commission members agreed that the local knowledge of this bidder, with a strong track record, made it a clear choice.
5. **Public meeting** Chairman Fisher reported strong attendance at the public forum held November 12 at the municipal building. Among those on hand were state Sen. David Trahan, the inholder-property owners from Quarry Hill, abutters to Quarry Hill and other interested citizens. Inholders expressed concern about the condition of the road into the area, and a parking area for visitors. There were no objections to the work of the Commission; rather, people seemed supportive. Liz Petruska suggested there may be state grant money available for a modest parking lot project.
6. **Adjourn by 5:30 p.m.** - The Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan 11, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the town office.

Conservation Commission
Waldoboro, Maine:

Edward Fisher, Chair

William Hinkley

Jack Farlow

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Cartwright, Secretary

Charles Brock, vice chairman

Norman Golden