

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building Conference Room
1600 Atlantic Hwy
Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman George Keyes at the Municipal Building at 10:10 a.m.

Attendance: Present were Claire Bowley, Jack Farlow, Ed Fisher, and Chairman George Keyes; and Planning & Development Director Bill Najpauer

2. **Minutes** of the November 1st meeting were approved.
3. **Planning & Development Director Bill Najpauer** discussed his (present) three chief priorities:
 - New Comprehensive Plan (in-house project, may involve us)
 - Downtown Waldoboro
 - River Walk
4. **Charles Brock** was not present. Chairman Keyes will contact him to ascertain whether he wishes to continue as a member of this Commission.
5. **Farmer Spear** requested a formal, 10-year extension for the use of the corn field on Quarry Hill. Claire Bowley will draft and circulate to other Commission members a draft letter of our recommendations to the Town Select Board: namely, that entering into such a long lease is inappropriate at this time (both because the Quarry Hill Management Study recommendations are not yet available and also because there has been no formal bidding process for use of the fields.). Even if no formal bid process was entered into this year, (in recognition of Farmer Spear's good faith efforts to improve the field for cultivation) perhaps a shorter, one-year lease might be appropriate (to allow time for receipt and due consideration of the management study recommendations.)
6. **Quarry Hill Projects** should identified and prioritized, before seeking volunteers from within the community. Additional possible sources of help might be obtained via the Maine Farmland Trust (see their *Cultivating Maine's Agricultural Future*), Tufts University (farm volunteers), Meenagha Grange (Mary Ann Beineke has worked with Union College to help establish local agriculture), Miller School students, and possibly Hatchet Cove Farm CSA (Finntown Road) to provide advice.
7. **Gardens for Home Use** could be established in the future on small (4' x 10') plots on public land near this building or on other land close to the Town center, should sufficient interest develop.

7. **Town Forest** was discussed. A winter event may be developed (and coordinated with Kyle Santheson).

8. **Marine Park** progress:

- The Picnic Table has been ordered, and is being constructed
- A sign exists (and is at Farlow's), but has not been installed
- When the weather improves, we'll designate a day for trail work

9. **Potential Commission Members** will be identified and solicited.

11. **Adjournment at 11:45 a.m.**, approved unanimously.

[Next meeting: Tuesday, **January 3rd**, **at 10:00 a.m.** at the Town Office.]

Conservation Commission
Waldoboro, Maine:

Claire Bowley

Edward Fisher

George Keyes, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted
Jack Farlow, Secretary