

Minutes, Hollis Conservation Commission, October 15, 2009

Present: John Mator, Catherine Hewitt, Mary Weyer, Ren Wilkinson, Doris Luther, Leigh Libby

Note: The "I" on the agenda items list is John Mator.

1.—Minutes of last meeting— ***not sent in to town hall yet.***

2. Indian Cellar—

a) I haven't talked to Barbara Durr yet about our special account (stewardship funds). ***But should get 1.2 % same as Hollis's other accounts. And that is likely to go up.***

b) Up-date of Plaque. I have picked out a stone. It was easy because only one or two were large enough. It will be delivered to my place for working up. It is about 2 x 4 feet and is a nice gray granite. ***Has a nice flat face and will be set on a concrete pad so it won't get moved. John would like to have it done by the 25th but it may not happen.***

c) I wrote the Boy Scouts a thank-you letter.

d) Arthur Spiess was here today, and will have a crew working on the site next week. We could use a couple more volunteers to do sifting. ***For four days running beginning on the 19th they will meet at 9:AM. Ben Severance is planning to help. Rita Anderson had hoped to but she is recovering from knee surgery.***

e) I will continue trail making until snow falls. ***"You're amazing John, you have done so much" Other members of the committee wish they were able to spend more time, but the session is not over yet.***

f) I have painted out the loop trail in pale blue, in both directions. Solid bars about 2x 4 inches will mark the main trail, two dots in the vertical will demark side trails off the main loop. ***Markers are on trees with smooth bark so they show up well.***

g) We need to advertise the walk planned for October 25 at 1:00 PM. ***John will place ad in Smart Shopper. Doris will call the local TV station. Catherine will contact Portland Trails, and the Press Herald. Mary will contact The Reporter.***

3. Sports Complex update. We met Tuesday evening with Ben Severance and Don Marean. They are serious about putting in another baseball and softball field at the complex, and also more parking. I met with Stu and Ben today, and they want a plan drawn up, to scale. There is plenty of land on the site. ***We talked about the need to keep parking out in the open where cars and activity is clearly visible.***

4. Session on Trail making and Maintenance at Freeport on Nov. 7. I have added Catherine Hewitt to the list, and asked if there is still room for one more person.

5.. Hollow Joe Pye weed-I found it at Indian Cellar for certain, and also in Bar Mills. It is rare in Maine, last reported in 1900.

6. Other-***John will work to create a scaled plan for the improvements to the Sports Complex.***

John would also like to build a couple of simple benches on the IC trails and trust that folks will not toss them into the river.

Edna Leigh Libby -Secretary