

Minutes, Hollis Conservation Commission, December 2 ,2010  
Present were Mary Weyer, Ren Wilkinson, John Mattor, Catherine Hewitt, Doris Luther

1. Minutes of last meeting approved.

2. Indian Cellar-

a) Boundary signs. WE can get 100, 5 X 7 inch, screen printed on 40 mil aluminum for about \$450. by RSD Graphics in Waterboro. Ren has volunteered to do a design and send it to the rest of the Commission for comment and approval. We have the money.

b) There is a new bridge across the stream just beyond the swimming area, and it is well secured – built and installed by John Mattor.

c) There has been a stubborn wet area just beyond the kiosk. but the water has found an old drain under the trail that has been clogged, and miraculously washed it out. It is all nice and dry at present.

3. Douglas Alcaide lot. There is a 58 acre between the Rodney Littlefield parcel and running west toward the trailer park that may be up for sale in the near future, and we are exploring the situation. Land for Maine's Future may be a possible source of funding to buy land adjacent to preserved land.

Discussion: Can you post open-space land as “no hunting”? Since our meeting I have spoken with a certified Maine Assessor, who believes that you can post your open-space land as “no hunting” however I could not find the law or rule that addresses this.

4) New legislation regarding CC's. Any suggestions? John will forward his suggestions for the Commission's input.

5) Open space discussion. John will forward his e-message to Bob Shafto to the Commission.

6. Other: Catherine suggested putting more blaze marks on the Indian Cellar trails. She and John will be there this Sunday Dec.  
5. Volunteers are welcome.

Discussion: As of 2008, Hollis as 17.65% of its' land in open-space taxation status and 25.24% in tree growth. Currently a parcel of land can be either tree growth or open space. We discussed if this could change so that tree growth land could also be considered open space.

Website Discussion: The town website should include trail maps; the history of the properties; how acquired; a list of major donors (with their permission.)

Indian Cellar Brochure: John will ask his niece to design a brochure for the Indian Cellar kiosk.

Respectfully submitted by Doris Luther