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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of November 9, 2006 held at the Memorial Building

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Commission at its next meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Members present were: Daphne Klein; John Trachy; Cynthia Bruss; Ken Jacques; Richard Currier. Absent were Laura Hummel; Boris Bushueff; Geobe McCusker; Ken Downes; Robert Anderson.

Minutes of the October 12, 2006 meeting were approved with a change to Members Absent to include Richard Currier.

Wetlands/NRI Inventory: There was general discussion regarding the scope, timeframe, cost, and financing of proposals from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) and Wildlife to Wetlands (WtoW). It was moved, seconded and passed (5-0) to:

- To authorize the chairman to communicate with Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. expressing our desire to contract for services as per the proposal dated October 17, 2006 with the following changes:
- Fifth day of fieldwork concentrating on the Gile Forest
- Follow up training session – 6 to 12 months after completion
- Total proposed cost to be \$9,740.00

Further, that the execution of the contract is subject to the approval of the Town Meeting in March 2007 or sooner if funds are available.

Conservation Fund: Ken Jacques reported that no further action is necessary to establish a Conservation Fund as the authority for this fund exists under RSA 36.

2007 Budget: There was general discussion regarding the proposed budget request to be presented to the Selectmen. It was moved, seconded and passed (5-0) to request general operations funding at \$1,375.

Resignation: John reports that he has received a letter dated October 8, 2006 from member Boris Bushueff. Dr. Bushueff has resigned effective December 1, 2006. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Selectmen.



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**Walk In The Gile:** John and Cynthia reported that the November 8<sup>th</sup> Walk In The Gile was attended by Brian Faughnan of the Wilmot Conservation Commission, Bob & Emma Crane of the New London Conservation Commission, Ann & Marc Davis of the Friends of the Gile, Will Abbott, VP, Society For The Protection Of New Hampshire Forests and Springfield CC members Cynthia Bruss, John Trachy and Ken Jacques. There was discussion regarding the value of the Gile for recreation and the negative impact of expanded ATV use. Cynthia led a discussion and tour of cellar holes and the water precinct reservoir.

**By-Laws Revision:** The proposed by-laws were reviewed and suggestions for changes made. An updated version will be presented at a future meeting.

**Erosion & Sedimentation Flyer:** The proposed flyer was reviewed and suggestions for changes made. An updated version will be presented at a future meeting.

**Matarazzo Subdivision:** Recent Planning Board minutes indicate that a site walk is to be held. Several members expressed interest in attending.

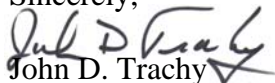
**NH Association of Conservation Commissions Meeting:** John briefly outlined workshops that he attended.

**Purple Loosetrife:** Daphne reported on a discussion with the owner of property which has a population of purple loosetrife. There is also concern about the wetland filling in at this location. Daphne and Cynthia are to meet with the owner.

**Assistance to Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board:** John reported on a ZBA site visit that he attended which potentially involves wetlands. A suggestion was made that we offer our services to the Zoning and Planning boards.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Sincerely,

  
John D. Trachy

Chairman