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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2006 held at the Memorial Building, 7:00PM

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 by John Trachy.

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

A presentation was given by John Severance and Jaclyn Comeau of Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. of Bethlehem NH regarding its services in conducting a Wetlands and Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). The firm has been in business for 6 years. John is a certified wetlands scientist with a MS degree in Environmental Science. Jaclyn has a BS degree in Wildlife Ecology. They have provided NRI and Wetlands Inventories for many towns including Lyme, Belmont, Plymouth, Franconia, Enfield, Northfield, Berlin, Whitefield, Colebrook, and Goshen. A sample project outline was presented:

1. Review existing data
2. Public meeting to solicit local goals and knowledge
3. Collect field inventory data
4. Digitize and map data
5. Produce maps
6. Prepare Wetlands and NRI
7. Training for use of GIS software
8. Public presentation of project

The proposed project would be 6+ months and be done in 2007. They do only 3 or 4 towns per year so the exact completion date depends on workload and weather.

Minutes of the September 14, 2006 meeting were approved with changes to third to last paragraph. It should read: **Daphne Klein noted the presence of purple loosestrife by the outlet of Lake Kolelemook.**

Bob Anderson announced that he has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission at its October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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Discussion took place concerning the proposed Wetlands and NRI. John noted that the estimated cost might be \$12,000, more or less, based on what other towns have paid. Bob expressed budget concerns as the property tax revenue from Hemphill has decreased substantially. Cynthia suggested that some funds might be available from the Society lot. It was noted that there is about \$7,000 in the Conservation Commission account that could be used. John mentioned the possibility of grant monies. Ken Jacques suggested a joint meeting with the Planning and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to see how this would mesh with the Town Master Plan. John moved and Daphne seconded, that:

- A written proposal be requested from Watershed to Wildlife, Inc., and
- Applications for grants be made, and
- A joint meeting be requested of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, and
- A Warrant Article be drafted for the 2007 Town Meeting

After further discussion concerning the differences between the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission approach, the Audubon Society costs and Watershed to Wildlife proposal the motion was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Draft By-Laws were distributed for review and will be on the agenda for discussion at the November meeting.

Bob reported that the Selectmen are not in favor of abating the property tax received from the state on the Gile Memorial Forest in exchange for an easement that would maintain the Gile as it now is. This amount is about \$6,500 per year. Bob noted that the Selectmen feel that the state should be able to do what it wants with the Gile and that the state would never turn it into an ATV park.

John noted that the NH Association of Conservation Commissions will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 4. A poll of those present showed no one will be able to attend other than John.

John mentioned that a hike in the Gile is being planned within the next month. Invited would be area Conservation Commissions, interested others and a representative from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

Ken Jacques reports that he will have the information for a warrant article setting up a Conservation Fund shortly.



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The draft Erosion and Sedimentation handout was distributed for review and will be on the agenda for discussion at the November meeting.

Bob reported that the Selectmen follow state law concerning the granting of building permits on Class VI roads, that is, if the landowner brings the road up to town specifications then the Selectmen will grant a building permit.

Daphne discussed the location of the purple loosestrife at the outlet to Lake Kolelemook. After review of a map and discussion among members familiar with the area it was determined that the area is private property. Daphne is to contact the landowner and try to encourage removal of this invasive species.

Given the late hour Cynthia agreed that discussion of the COVERTS communication concerning global warming could be held over until the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Sincerely,

John D. Trachy  
Chairman