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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2007

Members present were: John Trachy, Cynthia Bruss, Daphne Klein, Ken Downs, Todd Richardson. Absent were: Robert Anderson, Geobe McCusker, Ken Jacques, Jane Seekamp

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by John Trachy.

The minutes of the 6/14/07 meeting were approved as written.

**Update -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area:** Since the last meeting, the Conservation Commission has heard from the police department and the highway department who have no major objections to the proposal. The only department that has not yet responded is the fire/rescue department. As soon as that response has been received, John will contact the NH Department of Transportation to request a hearing.

**Update – Wetlands/Natural Resource Inventory:** Cynthia provided an update on the work Watershed to Wildlife has done so far. So far they have spent three days in the field; they will return one day in August and one day in September. There was a discussion about the type of computer equipment that will be needed so that the information can be accessible and useful to all the boards in town. Ken Downs and John will meet with the Select Board to discuss this. It should be very helpful to the boards when a tax map overlay can be prepared to use with the WNRI maps. John will also contact Watershed to Wildlife to get the names of other towns to see how they are using the inventory information.

**Update – Gile Forest:** Nothing new to report.

**Review – O’Day site plan:** The select Board wrote a letter on 6/10/07 stating concerns about erosion and salt contamination. John will check with the Select Board about follow-up.

**Committee meetings:**

Wetlands: John will ask the Select Board to make sure that the CC receives all notices of intent to cut.

Daphne reported that the purple loosestrife that was noted in the marsh by Four Corners Road opposite the Historical Society is more abundant than had been thought. She has gone in, with the landowners’ permission, to cut off the flowers to prevent the seeds from dispersing, but feels digging up the plants would be extremely difficult.



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**Committee Meetings – continued:**

The CC has received a copy of the DES reply to the Matarazzo dredge and fill application. DES has requested action on 7 items.

Cynthia reported on the DES meeting regarding Eastman's wells and water withdrawal areas.

Conservation Lands: Several conservation easements are in process in Springfield through the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

**Communications and Miscellaneous**: John shared information about upcoming workshops on various topics of interest. Cynthia shared information received from NH Fish and Game about the importance of large open-bottomed culverts for wildlife. There will be a Land Summit sponsored by the ASLPT for the 12 towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at the Kearsarge Regional High School. This conference is designed specifically for the selectmen, planning boards, zoning boards, and conservation commissions of the region.

The Conservation Commission noted with sadness the passing of former CC member, Dick Currier, and expressed appreciation for his contributions and service to the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Klein  
Secretary