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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2007  
(Unofficial until approved by the Commission)

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by John Trachy.

The minutes of the 5/10/07 meeting were approved as written.

Update -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area: The Select Board and the School Board have no objection to the proposal. The Conservation Commission is still awaiting responses from the highway department, police department, and fire/rescue department.

Update – Wetlands/Natural Resource Inventory: Cynthia Bruss delivered copies of the annotated map, town master plan, and zoning regulations to Watershed to Wildlife. She also accompanied John Severance and Elise Lawson on their first day of field work in Springfield. The tentative days for future field work are: 7/17, 7/23, 8/13, and a date in September to be determined.

Update – Gile Forest: Nothing new to report.

Review – O'Day site plan: The pertinent file has still not been located in the town office. John will discuss the Conservations Commission's questions and concerns with the Planning Board at their next meeting.

Committee meetings: Outreach: Todd suggested that it might be helpful to have a wetlands scientist conduct a training session, perhaps in the fall, for all of the town boards, as there are so many questions about wetlands. Conservation Lands: Todd has met with the Planning Board regarding a possible easement in conjunction with the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust of Star Lake property. Discussion ensued about how lands that have been designated as wildlife corridors or conserved lands in building developments in town can be monitored. For example: stipulations and easements held by the town could be written in at the Planning Board level and Conservation Commission members could be trained as monitors to do annual inspections. A motion was made by John Trachy and seconded by Cynthia Bruss: The Conservation Commission will approach the Planning Board to ask that they consider putting conservation easements on subdivisions when appropriate. The motion passed unanimously.

*Our mission: To promote the proper utilization and protection of natural resources and the protection of watershed resources*



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Communications and Miscellaneous: The Select Board has appointed Todd Richardson to be a regular member of the Conservation Commission. Currently Jane Seekamp and Robert Anderson are the only alternates. CC members will talk to people in town whom they think would be interested in serving.

Ken Jacques nominated Todd Richardson to be vice chair of the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Daphne and passed unanimously.

The CC has received a copy of the Matarazzo dredge and fill application. John presented information that indicated that open bottom culverts are more beneficial to wildlife than round ones. Cynthia Bruss made the following motion, seconded by Ken Downs: At the next Planning Board meeting John Trachy will ask the Planning Board and DES to request Matarazzo to use open bottom culverts on stream crossings. The motion passed unanimously.

Todd informed the CC that he will be meeting with the ZBA regarding putting in a small (1/4 to 1/2 acre) pond on the Star Lake property. Because it is in a wetlands area, perched soil that doesn't drain, it will require a special exception for dredge and fill. Todd asked if CC members will want to do a site visit. Although no one anticipated a problem with the proposal, several members expressed interest in seeing the site and will arrange to do so with Todd.

Cynthia informed the CC that there are points in the town's Master Plan that relate to the CC that we should be aware of. John will make copies of the pertinent pages and distribute to CC members.

The CC meeting of 7/12/07 will be cancelled as so many members will be unable to attend. If issues arise that cannot wait until the August meeting, a special meeting will be scheduled and posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Klein  
Secretary