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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2007

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by John Trachy.

The minutes of the 9/13/07 meeting were approved as written.

Update -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area: John talked to Alan Hanscom of NH DOT. He has been too busy to do the required survey, but hoped to get to it by mid-October. John will follow up on this.

Update – Wetlands/Natural Resource Inventory: John Severance and Elise Lawson from Watershed to Wildlife spent September 18th in the Gile Forest with Cynthia. Daphne and Howard Lewis (Forestry Dept) accompanied them for part of the day. At this time all 5 field days have been completed. Cynthia will be in touch with them to see what additional information they need and what the next steps will be.

John T. attended the Watershed to Wildlife presentation to the town of Lyme, at which John Severance and Elise demonstrated how to use the different layers of maps to generate different data sets. The GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software that will be necessary to run the program normally sells for about \$1000, but is available for \$100 through a grant for which John T. will send in an application. John T. has started a GIS course in Concord to learn how to use the software. A computer has been donated for the project, but a new monitor and a printer will be needed.

A public meeting with a presentation by W to W will be scheduled for January. The Outreach Committee will be in charge of advertising for the meeting. Todd will ask to be put on the ZBA and Planning Board agendas for November to update them.



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Wetlands: Ryan Young of DES has sent a map of the town of Springfield showing wetlands and setbacks for the Conservation Commission to review for accuracy. John and Ken J will review it based on the information the CC currently has. When we receive the W/NRI from Wetlands to Wildlife, we can then provide additional information to DES.

John has asked DES for a status report on the Lefebvre complaint at Palazzi Pond. DES did an inspection on 10/5/07 and stated they will be pursuing other means to achieve compliance. John also spoke with adjoining landowners regarding the large amount of sand that has been dumped on their property near the shoreline. They did not know that they needed a permit to spread sand on a beach area and said they would apply for a permit.

There will be site visits by the ZBA on properties that involve wetlands issues on 10/20 as follows: 9:00 am at 571 Four Corners Road and 10:00 am at the Woodcrest point of land on Lake Kolelemook.

Conservation Lands: Ken Jacques reported that the Planning Board in conjunction with Courtney Daniels from the Upper Valley Planning Commission have discussed enlarging the Forest Overlay District to encompass more of the east side of Route 4-A. Landowner consultations are to be had prior to formalizing the boundaries.

Master Plan Recommendations: John asked the CC to think about what projects they would like to tackle in 2008.

Communications and Miscellaneous: John distributed additional information about the Land Summit to be held on 10/27/07, the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions to be held on 11/3/07, and the Municipal Law Lecture Series. It was noted that one of the workshops at the Land Summit is on NH roads, and that this information may be very helpful to Springfield, as questions keep coming up about Class VI and discontinued roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary