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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2007

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

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of 3/8/07 were approved as written.
The minutes of the Community Outreach meeting of 3/11/07 were approved as written.
The minutes of the Community Outreach meeting of 3/27/07 were approved as written.

Reduced Winter Maintenance Area: Status is the same as last month. Still awaiting comments from Police, Fire/Rescue, Highway, and SAU office regarding adding Reduced Winter Maintenance Areas near Little Lake Sunapee and Lake Kolelemook.

Wetlands/NRI: The Community Outreach subcommittee has set May 10, 2007 as the date for a public meeting to solicit input on special places in Springfield as well as to explain the nature and purpose of the Wetlands/NRI inventory. The subcommittee will invite other boards to attend. Meeting to be at 7:00 at the Meeting House.

Gile Forest: The Commission has received a copy of the DES approval of the DRED dredge and fill application to put in a culvert near the beaver dam.

Site Visit: Three Commission members looked at a timber harvesting operation by Mighty Oaks Realty LLC off of George Hill on 3/11/07. No adverse comments. No quorum, no minutes.

Subcommittee meeting for Wetlands: There was discussion regarding additional areas of interest for possible inspection during the Wetlands/NRI inventory. Selected sites were added to the map.

Subcommittee meeting for Community Outreach: Plans and details for the public meeting were discussed. It was voted by the Commission to approve the expenditure of \$52.60 for advertising in the Kearsarge Shopper.



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Subcommittee meeting for Conservation Lands: There was discussion regarding position of the Commission regarding the Planning Board's work on the possible enlargement of the Forest Overlay District and education of landowners along Rte 4A. Other discussion concerned Class 6 roads versus Class A trails and the Town giving up certain Class 6 roads in exchange for easements.

Eastman Community Association: The Selectmen asked for input concerning the pending Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit application. There was discussion concerning the possible negative effects of the withdrawal on Springfield landowners and the sources of the recharge water. It was voted to recommend to the Selectmen that they request DES (Water Supply Engineering Bureau) to schedule a public hearing on this matter and further that it contact landowners in the area to make them aware of the hearing.

Commission Membership: Town Meeting Day 2007 created a vacancy for a full member with Laura Hummel not seeking reappointment. It was voted to recommend to the Selectmen that Daphne Klein, now an alternate member, be appointed as a regular member for a term expiring December 31, 2009. It was also voted to recommend to the Selectmen that Jane Seekamp be appointed as an alternate member for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Trachy
Chairman