

## Conservation Commission

Minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2007

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

Public Meeting: Wetlands/Natural Resources Inventory:

The public meeting regarding the upcoming Wetlands/Natural Resources Inventory was opened at 7:10 pm by Todd Richardson.

Conservation Commission members introduced themselves, and Ken Jacques explained how the Wetlands/Natural Resources Inventory is part of the town's master plan. Cynthia Bruss then told why the Conservation Commission had selected Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. to do the inventory and what the inventory will involve.

Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. (W to W) uses existing data, then adds to it. W to W studies soils, slopes, and existing maps to determine what sites they want to look at. Input from town residents is being solicited in the hope that they may know of places that W to W should consider. When the inventory is completed, the maps will be used by the different town boards and will also be available to land owners.

The maps will all be computerized, and eventually it will be possible to superimpose tax maps over these maps. No additional regulations will be imposed because of this inventory.

A question and answer session followed the presentation. One question was about whether land owners would be contacted ahead of time, and, if so, how this would be done. Cynthia will talk to John Severance of W to W to see how they have handled this with other towns. In answer to another question, it was agreed that a schedule for the inventory will be posted on the Conservation Commission's website. As of now, the proposed time frame would have all the field work completed by the end of July, work sessions with W to W and the Conservation Commission in August, a draft completed in September, and the final presentation and computer training by the end of December. More details about the inventory and a copy of the contract with W to W are available on the Conservation Committee's website.

The public meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

After a short recess, the Conservation Commission reconvened at 8:10 p.m. to take up the remaining items on the agenda.

The minutes of the regular meeting of 4/16/07 were approved as written.

Update - Reduced Winter Maintenance Areas: The KRSD Superintendent's Office has indicated that the district has no objection to reduced road salt usage on the areas proposed near Little Lake Sunapee and Lake Kolelemook. The Commission has still not heard back from the other groups.

Update - Wetlands/NRI: Cynthia will send the map to which town residents have added information back to W to W on 5/14/07. She will ask how W to W handles visits to privately owned land. Commission members will be willing to contact landowners if needed.

Review - O'Day site plan: At last month's meeting a concern had been raised that when this site is plowed, sand is being pushed into the stream nearby. John went to the town office for more information, but the file couldn't be located. By the next meeting, John will try again to locate the pertinent minutes of the Zoning and Planning Boards to see what conditions had been imposed when approval for construction was granted.

Communications and Miscellaneous: John provided information about some upcoming workshops. He also announced that the Select Board has appointed Daphne Klein as a regular Commission member and Jane Seekamp as an alternate member. John then announced that Dick Currier will be resigning from the Commission and thanked him for his service. The Commission voted to recommend to the Select Board that Todd Richardson, now an alternate member, be appointed as a regular member to fill this vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Klein  
Secretary