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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2008**

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

Members present were: John Trachy, Cynthia Bruss, Ken Jacques, Jane Seekamp, Todd Richardson. Absent were: Robert Anderson; Daphne Klein. Also present were: Don Hill (Selectmen Representative), Bob Ruel, Tina and Ted Rivera.

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

The minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved as written with the correction of the date of the Selectmen's meeting with the Outreach Committee – April 1, 2008, not March 25, 2008. The Commission decided that no minutes are necessary for the March 17 public meeting at which the Natural Resources Inventory was presented since there were no discussions or decisions made.

**Wetlands -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area:** Waiting for a reply for NH Department of Transportation concerning a public meeting date.

**Wetlands – Shoreland Protection Act:** Discussion regarding the major points of the Act and the effective date.

**Outreach – Green Up Day:** Meet Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am at the Highway garage. Town is to supply bags and Highway Department will pick up on roadside. The Committee will meet at the call of its chair to determine publicity and logistics. Moved, seconded and passed to authorize the Committee to purchase an ad in the Shopper.

**Conservation Lands – Town lands:** To enhance the information available in the Natural Resources Inventory it was decided to identify the various town-owned lands, GPS the bounds and inventory the features found thereon. It was also suggested that a timber cruise be conducted at the same time. The Kingsley lot was chosen to be the first due to the certainty of ownership and proximity to the center of the town. Confirmation of town-owned parcels is to be sought from Janet Roberts. As the ground work is dependent on weather the date and time is at the call of the chair.

**Conservation Lands –Dutchman Pond:** There are efforts being made to construct a spur trail through the Society and Royal Arch lots to the shore of Dutchman Pond. This spur would provide public pedestrian access to the town-owned land on the Pond.



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**Meeting Date Change:** It was voted to permanently change the meeting date from the second Thursday to the first Thursday of each month, commencing May 1, 2008.

**Misc:**

Cynthia Bruss will assist the Historical Society in the collection of data that can be added to the GIS and/or Natural Resources Inventory as a separate data layer.

Don Hill reports that Highway Department is interested in inventorying all culverts in Town. This effort may include use of GIS.

Workshop for the exploration of our GIS and NRI scheduled for Monday, April 21 at 6:30 pm.

Ken Jacques reports that the Planning Board has little new at this time.

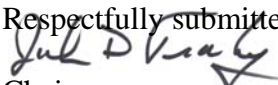
Model ordinances for outdoor lighting (light pollution and light trespass) as prepared by the NH Office of Energy and Planning were distributed.

Ken Jacques reports that the Department of Transportation will probably not replace the Route 114 culvert this year due to a lack of funds.

The first four of a series of Habitat Stewardship Brochures by Malin Clyde, Coverts Project Coordinator, were distributed. They are also available at [www.NHCoverts.org](http://www.NHCoverts.org)

Cynthia Bruss noted that NH Natural Heritage Bureau, DRED, UNHCE and others are sponsoring a workshop on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Deerfield on "Identifying Natural Communities". It will focus on recognizing, identifying, and appreciating natural communities. The cost is \$25 and is reimbursed by the Town for Commission members. Cut-off date for registration is May 13. Questions 862-1028.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Chairman