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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2008

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

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

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

The minutes of the 1/10/08 meeting were approved as written.

Update -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area: Now that letters have been received from all the department heads, John will forward the letters on to NH Department of Transportation and request that a public meeting be scheduled.

Wetlands/Natural Resource Inventory: John Severance and Elise Lawson from Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. will come to Springfield on Monday, March 17th to conduct training and an informational meeting for the public. The training will begin at 2:00 to demonstrate the software to anyone interested. This will be posted as a Conservation Commission meeting and will be held in the downstairs meeting room in the town office building. All the computer equipment necessary for the project is ready to go.

The public meeting will be held at 7:00 in the Town Hall. Because the Wetlands/Natural Resource Inventory will now be part of the town's master plan, the CC would like to reach as many people as possible to let them know about the meeting. Letters will be sent to all the town boards inviting members to attend. Ideas for publicizing the meeting included: handing out informational fliers at town meeting; posting information on the town's website and sign board; sending out a press release to local newspapers; and placing an ad in the Shopper. A motion was made by Ken, seconded by Daphne, authorizing the CC to spend up to \$50 for an ad in the Shopper. The motion passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act: John passed out an information sheet from DES regarding the new shoreland protection rules that go into effect on April 1, 2008. A discussion ensued about how best to get this information out to people, especially to people from out of town who own second homes around the different lakes. Daphne will contact the officers of the KLPA to see how they might be willing to help publicize this information.



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Conservation Plan: John passed out a flier from UNH Cooperative Extension entitled, "Preparing a Conservation Plan." In the discussion that followed, there was a strong sense that if we develop such a plan, it will be important to get the input and involvement from as many members of the community as possible.

Community Outreach: A motion was made by Daphne, seconded by Jane, that the CC sponsor and organize a Green Up Day on the first Saturday in May. The motion passed unanimously. Daphne volunteered to go to a Select Board meeting to ask their approval for such an undertaking.

There was also interest in having the CC organize walks or outdoor programs on some of the town lands. This will be discussed further in subsequent meetings. A future project will be to clarify exactly what properties the town currently owns, as there appear to be some discrepancies based on different lists that people have.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary