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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of July 3, 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, and Todd Richardson. Absent were: Ken Jacques, Jane Seekamp, Robert Anderson, and Don Hill. Also present was Bob Ruel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by John Trachy.

Daphne noted that the minutes of the 6/5/08 meeting should be corrected to reflect that Bob Ruel was not present at that meeting. Cynthia made a motion to accept the minutes of 6/5/08 as amended, seconded by Todd. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Wetlands Committee Reports: A DES application to cut 10 acres on Star Lake Farm has been received. Variances applied for by the Millers on their Lamson Lane property on Lake Kolelemook were all approved by the ZBA.

Outreach Committee Reports: Members are still interested in doing some educational programs with the town kindergarten. Because there will be a new teacher starting in September, we will wait to talk with him or her before making any definite plans.

Different ideas were discussed about putting together some programs for the Springfield community, such as inviting speakers on relevant topics for some evening meetings or leading walks on town lands. The committee will continue to meet to pursue these ideas.

Conservation Lands Committee: John and Cynthia met with the Selectmen regarding the Kinsley lot. They asked them to check the language of the town's right of way agreement with PSNH because of concerns about the environmental damage caused when PSNH cuts around the power lines. The Selectmen gave permission for the CC to refresh the boundary blazes on the Kinsley lot. The snowmobile club will be going back to remove the debris from the old bridge that was taken down, when it is not so wet under foot.

The CC is assisting the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust with a possible conservation easement in town. Certificates of appreciation were signed by members to be sent to the Baptist Pond Trust and to Woods Without Gile for their conservation easements.



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Communications and Miscellaneous: The CC has asked the Select Board to appoint Don Hill as a CC alternate. A letter of appreciation was sent to Brad Butcher for his contributions to Green Up Day. John shared information about upcoming workshops.

The new Shoreland Protection regulations went into effect on July 1. John passed along Don Hill's suggestion that the CC may want to serve as a resource for lake property owners to provide information on how they can help protect the shoreland.

As of 6/30/08, when John received an email from Alan Hanscom of DOT, there had still been no official decision made on reduced winter maintenance on sections of road near Little Lake Sunapee and Lake Kolelemook.

The CC discussed the possibility of buying a projector and screen so that the boards in town can use the Wetlands/NRI information more easily. The information the CC collects on the various town lots will be added to the W/NRI database.

A motion was made by Cynthia, seconded by Daphne, that the CC request the Select Board to appoint Bob Ruel to be a CC member. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein

Secretary