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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 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, Todd Richardson. Absent were: Robert Anderson; Daphne Klein (excused)

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

The minutes of the February 14 meeting and the March 9 Outreach Committee meeting were approved as written.

Update -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area: The necessary documentation has been sent to NH DOT with a 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 public meeting will be held at 7:00 in the Town Hall. Publicity and other arrangements were discussed and finalized.

Conservation Easements: The benefit to landowners who donate conservation easements was reviewed. It was noted that Springfield has relatively little land with conservation easements when the Gile Forest is excluded. The Gile Forest is owned by the state and there are no restrictions on the sale or disposal of it.

Community Outreach Committee: Green Up Day set for the first Saturday of May (the 3rd). Daphne met with the Selectmen on March 25th to discuss Town involvement and logistics. Tentative plan is to meet at 10:00am at the Town Office and disperse. More at the April meeting.

Conservation Lands Committee: John and Cynthia reported on a site walk off the Perley Road and the King's Highway. The day was beautiful and the parcel unremarkable.

Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act: John gave an update on the new Shoreland Protection Act that is scheduled to go into effect on April 1, 2008. A delay may occur as some landowners that are affected lobbying for more time under the "old" rules. The matter is in the hands of the legislature.

It was noted that Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is sponsoring a seminar on the new Shoreland Protection Act on Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 pm at the Lake Sunapee Bank on Newport Road in New London.



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Education: Reminder that the Society For The Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF), UNH Cooperative Extension and Conservation Land Stewardship are sponsoring "Saving Special Places" on Saturday, April 5th, 8:30 to 4:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional High School.

Misc: Sullivan County Timberland Owners Association Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner April 12th at the County Farm. Speaker is Ben Kilham.

Complete Forestry Notification received from DES on Star Lake Properties, Inc.

Incomplete Forestry Notification received from DES on Robert Costello.

The first four of a series of Habitat Stewardship Brochures by Malin Clyde, Coverts Project Coordinator, have been released. They are available at www.NHCoverts.org

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman