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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of September 4, 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, Bob Ruel, and Don Hill (Selectmen's representative). Absent were: Todd Richardson, Robert Anderson.

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

Cynthia noted some corrections to the minutes of the 8/7/08 meeting that should be made. The paragraph with the heading **Town Lands** should read:

***Town Lands:** Cynthia reported on her visit to the Society Lot and the Royal Arch Lot accompanying Sara Callaghan of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, who was there to monitor the easements. The exact location for the proposed walking trail will be determined when there is less foliage for better visibility.*

In the paragraph with the heading **Conservation Lands**, the last sentence should read:

John and Cynthia will represent the CC on 8/22/08 at the Woods Without Gile ceremony celebrating their conservation easement with the ASLT.

Cynthia made a motion to accept the minutes of 8/7/08, as amended. The motion was seconded by Bob. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

Outreach: Jane, Bob, and Daphne reported on what they learned from contacting UNH, DES and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) regarding purple loosestrife. Both DES and LSPA limit their concerns to aquatic invasive plants. With the property owner's permission, Daphne has cut and bagged purple loosestrife flowers in the wetlands at the Lake Kolelemook outlet on Four Corners Road and will continue to monitor this area. The CC will continue to gather information about the issue of purple loosestrife and learn more about how other local conservation commissions are addressing the problem in their towns.



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The projector and screen, which will enable all town boards to make better use of the Wetlands/NRI Inventory, have been purchased. The screen has been installed in the downstairs meeting room of the town office building, and Bob is working on how best to install the projector.

Wetlands: A DES complaint has been received regarding beach replenishment without approval on Baptist Pond. John updated the CC on current forestry notifications and some ongoing wetlands violations that are in process.

Conservation Lands: When the leaves are off the trees, the boundary markings on town lands will be refreshed with paint. Cynthia noted that a new type of flagging is available that will decompose within two to three years.

Gile Forest: The locations of current and upcoming forestry cuts were noted.

Communications and Miscellaneous: John shared information about some upcoming workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein

Secretary