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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Trachy.

Members present were: John Trachy, Daphne Klein, Todd Richardson, Bob Ruel, Cynthia Bruss, Jane Seekamp (arrived late). Absent was: Ken Jacques.

Also present were Dave Tucker, Selectman Representative, and Brandt and Donna Denniston.

The minutes of 11/05/09 were approved unanimously.

Outreach:

- Brandt and Cynthia Denniston came to the meeting to discuss plans for the CC's presentation at the January meeting of the Springfield Historical Society. Cynthia circulated a list of all the things the CC has accomplished recently. It was decided that the focus of the presentation will be "Saving Springfield's Special Places." Any CC members interested in working on this program will get together one evening next week.
- Todd and Daphne visited the Springfield kindergarten class this morning and worked with them to assembling bird feeders that Todd and Cynthia had made out of birch logs. Each child had a feeder to take home as well as a container of peanut butter/bird seed mixture.
- Cynthia has been in touch with Lt. Winesap of NH Fish and Game Dept. about having the "Forever Locked" exhibit for Old Home Day next July. The rental cost would be \$500.00 per day. Springfield is on the list of potential sites, but the designated sites will not be determined until January.

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Conservation Lands:

Our mission: To protect and promote the proper utilization of our natural resources and watershed



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- Ausbon Sargent has approached the CC to say that Dan Thorne is looking into building a walking trail that would be open to the public on Star Lake property starting at Stryker Road. Ausbon Sargent would like to know if the CC would be interested in maintaining that trail if it goes through. Bob made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, that, if asked, the CC would maintain a walking trail open to the public on Star Lake property. The motion passed unanimously.
- The boundaries of the Brook lot have been blazed by John and Cynthia.
- John will bring information from other towns to the January meeting explaining what criteria they use when deciding whether to give financial assistance to landowners who are applying for conservation easements.
- John will also bring a simpler one page summary explaining the cost of community services. This information may be helpful in showing how development can result in increased taxes in a town.

Wetlands:

- A complaint was sent to DES on behalf of the CC regarding some work that was done on the Bray property on Howard Road. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jane, seconded by Daphne, that the complaint be withdrawn because the situation had been addressed. The motion passed, by a vote of 3-2, with 1 abstention.

Budget:

- Bob made a motion, seconded by Todd, that the CC 's budget request for next year be \$700, the same as it was for 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications and Miscellaneous:

- John will reply to a letter received by Mr. Gott, requesting a copy of the form he uses for monitoring wildlife trails.
- Daphne made a motion, seconded by Jane, that a letter be written to the Select Board requesting that Dave Tucker be appointed as an alternate to the CC. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Re-appointment Requests:

- Jane made a motion, seconded by Cynthia, that the CC request the Select Board to reappoint all the CC members whose terms expire in 2009 to three year terms, with the exception of Cynthia, who will be appointed to a one year term, to better stagger the lengths of terms of the CC members.



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Election of Officers for 2010:

- Todd made a motion, seconded by Daphne, that the following slate of officers be approved for 2010:
 - Chair: Cynthia Bruss
 - Vice-chair: Bob Ruel
 - Treasurer: Ken Jacques
 - Secretary: Daphne Klein
- The motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary