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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2009

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, Bob Ruel. Jane Seekamp, Todd Richardson. Also present was Selectman David Tucker.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by John Trachy.

Wildlife Action Plan (WAP): Amanda Stone and Frank Mitchell (UNH Cooperative Extension) and Beth McGuinn (The Ausbon Sargent Land Trust) joined the Commission for a final session to review the work that has been done on the town's Wildlife Action Plan. The idea of holding a public informational meeting about landowner options for protecting wildlife and natural resources through land conservation was discussed. It was agreed to hold such a meeting in the fall, with a tentative date of 9/22/09. Local landowners who have put property into conservation easements will be invited to share their experiences.

Minutes: Ken made a motion, seconded by Jane, to approve the minutes of 3/3/09 and 3/24/09. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Wetlands Committee: John shared a notification that a dredge and fill application has been approved by DES.

Outreach Committee: Todd and Cynthia reported that the kindergarten classes had great fun completing the treasure hunt activity, using the mapping skills they had worked on in their previous session. John will create a certificate for each student on his computer.

Todd and Cynthia met with the Selectmen to discuss the details of Green Up Day, scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 9 to 12, rain or shine. Brad Butcher has once again volunteered to pick up all the trash and will distribute the trash bags and gloves. Participants will come to the fire station to get their route assignments, which will then be marked on a large map of the town, so that Brad will know where to do the trash pick up. Daphne will take care of advance publicity and will organize the refreshments. John made a motion, seconded by Ken, that the CC pay for ad in *The Shopper* to publicize the event. The motion passed unanimously.

The Recreation Committee is organizing an Old Home Day, to be held in July. The CC would like to be involved in this event in some way. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.



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Conservation Lands: Cynthia did a walk through part of the Brooks lot and reported seeing some beautiful stone walls, as well as a cellar hole. Interested CC members are invited to meet at 9:00 on Sunday, 4/19, to do a preliminary look around the lot and to look for the lot's boundaries.

Cynthia hopes to finish work on the trail in the Society lot before the trees leaf out. Jane and John may be able to help her with some of the trail work.

Several people in town have expressed interest in learning more about what is involved in putting their land into conservation easements.

Communications and Miscellaneous: John distributed information about some upcoming workshops. The next CC meeting will be on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein

Secretary