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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of December 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, Todd Richardson. Absent were: Robert Anderson (Alternate) and Selectman Don Hill.

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

Minutes: Ken suggested that in the minutes of 11/6/08, the last sentence under the heading, **Town Boards**, be amended to read:

These include an expansion of the Forest Overlay District and the addition of Lot Size Averaging in that district.

Daphne made a motion, seconded by Ken, to accept the minutes of 11/6/08/08, as amended. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

John noted that minutes should have been written for the site visit on 11/22/08 to Springfield Power (Hemphill). He will draft those minutes.

Before discussion of the regular agenda items began, there was a short discussion about setting aside some time at every meeting to work on how the CC can be more active in carrying out the recommendations outlined in the town's Master Plan. There was general agreement that this would be a good idea.

Wetlands: John reviewed some DES notifications of wetlands violations.

The five CC members who went on the site visit to Springfield Power on 11/22/08 all agreed that their proposed plan for a new well platform was acceptable. John will notify DES that the CC has no objections to the proposed plan.

Outreach: Cynthia, Todd, and Daphne did a program with both kindergarten classes last month and plan to continue to meet with the kindergarten students at least once a month. The next visit will be on 12/9.

Conservation Lands: John, Todd, and Cynthia have almost completed the repainting of the red boundary blazes of the Kinsley Lot.

One property in town is moving through the easement process, but additional funds are needed to help cover the costs of stewardship through the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust. The homeowners have filed a grant application with the Eastman Charitable Foundation for this purpose. The CC agreed to write a letter in support of the application.



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Gile Forest: Cynthia received an email from the SRKG trails person saying that the Greenway trail will not be directly affected by the upcoming logging operations in the Gile Forest. Work has started on clearing a spur trail from the Greenway near Royal Arch.

Warrant Articles: John and other CC members will meet with the Select Board to discuss placing an article on the town warrant based on NH Senate Bill 381.

Communications and Miscellaneous: John shared an email from Frank Mitchell of UNH Cooperative Extension. Springfield is one of four towns in our area that have been selected to be in the program, "Using the Wildlife Action Plan in Your Community." Since the email was just received today, he did not have any further details.

The CC received an email from Alan Hanscom of DOT saying a reduced salt program on Route 114 and Four Corners Road near Little Lake Sunapee and Lake Krolelemook will go into effect this winter, and signs have been made to mark the locations. John will go to Enfield next Wednesday to pick up minutes from last May's meeting.

Before adjourning, the discussion went back to the idea of how the CC can be more active in carrying out the recommendations of the Master Plan. Developing a Wildlife Action Plan, referred to above, definitely fits with one of the Master Plan's recommendations. Another idea was to schedule a work day every month to work on a specific project that would be open to any interested to any CC members as well as the general public.

The following work days were scheduled for December:

Sunday 12/7 at 10:00 am. Meet at the cemetery to finish refreshing the boundary blazes on the Kinsley Lot.

Sunday, 12/14 at 10:00 am. Meet at the corner of 4A and Four Corners Road to carpool to the Brooks lot for a look at what is there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary