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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of March 3, 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. Absent were: Jane Seekamp, Todd Richardson, Robert Anderson (Alternate), and Selectman Don Hill.

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 in reviewing the work that has been done on the maps and discussing how the data gathered can be incorporated into the town's Natural Resource Inventory. John mentioned that he spoke with Merle Schoetanus of the Grantham Conservation Commission concerning coordination of efforts for conservation of lands in the Bog Brook area. Grantham is presenting a "Critical Conservation Lands Index" at Town Meeting and would like to discuss areas of mutual interest in April. The next two WAP work sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, April 14 at 6:15 pm.

Minutes: Ken made a motion, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes of 2/10/09. Ken made a motion, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes of 2/26/09. The minutes of both were approved unanimously.

Conservation Lands Committee: There was a brief discussion concerning conservation easements and the merits of a periodic public meeting to educate potential donors and the public. Sutton's approach was reviewed. More discussion in April.

Outreach Committee: Todd and Cynthia met with the kindergarten classes last month. The CC will again be organizing a town Green Up Day on Saturday, May 2. Daphne will meet with the selectmen to discuss the details and will also contact the Recreation Department to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring the event.

Communications and Misc: The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is sponsoring a review of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act on March 18 at Tracy Library in New London. April 4th is the date for "Saving Special Places" at the Gilford Middle School.



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Warrant Article: A Warrant Article for Senate Bill 381 will be on the Town Meeting Warrant by petition. (*Warrant Article Text: "Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation committee to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?"*) The CC will distribute a brochure giving information about the article at town meeting.

Regular Meeting Scheduled: The next regular monthly meeting will follow the WAP work session on April 14th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary