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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2008**

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

Members present were: John Trachy, Cynthia Bruss, Ken Jacques, Bob Ruel, Todd Richardson. Absent were: Jane Seekamp, Daphne Klein, Robert Anderson (Alt). Also absent was Selectman Don Hill.

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

The minutes of the October 2, 2008 meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Wetlands:** No new violations have come to the attention of the Commission. A Wetlands application from Springfield Power was reviewed and it was decided that a meeting would be requested with the applicant. A slide show on the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act was viewed and discussed.

**Outreach:** Todd and Cynthia report that the initial visit with the Springfield Kindergarten was a success. Acorns were gathered and planted. Monthly visits are planned.

The projector has been installed by Bob Ruel and the Selectmen have had electrical outlets installed in the meeting room. John recently gave a presentation to the Zoning Board on the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.

Cynthia noted that there is no update on the Historical Society at this time.

**Conservation Lands:** **The Kinsley Lot work party** to refresh the red paint blazes on the Kinsley lot (near cemetery) that was scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> will be re-scheduled as it was noted that this date is the opening of deer hunting with rifles.

One property in town is moving forward through the conservation easement process with the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust. Two others are in the discussion stage.

**Gile Forest:** Ken noted that DRED is proceeding with road work in the Gile.

**Town Boards:** The Planning Board is holding a public hearing on November 20<sup>th</sup> on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. These include an expansion of the Forest Overlay District and the addition of Lot Size Averaging.



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

- ASLPT Saving Special Places November 13<sup>th</sup>
- NH Watershed Conference November 15<sup>th</sup>

John has contacted Alan Hanscom of DOT several times by email requesting the minutes of the May meeting and the Excel file showing the amount of road salt used on roads in previous years, but has had no reply. A letter was sent on October 14<sup>th</sup> with no reply. It was suggested that perhaps Ron Koron could contact Mr. Hanscom and secure results.

As a SRKG representative Cynthia Bruss reported on the layout of a spur trail from the Royal Arch to Dutchman Pond over the town lots. A map was shown depicting the approximate location of the trail. Volunteers were requested for clearing/blazing the trail.

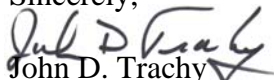
John reported upon the change in state law (SB 381) that requires a Town Meeting vote "...to authorize the Commission to expend funds for contributions to qualified organizations for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property." This will require a one-time Town Meeting vote. John will discuss with the Selectmen.

The Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition has completed a study of the watershed and published a Management Plan. The recommendations have been prioritized and one, Storm Water Management, has been chosen for presentation to the town for possible action. It has been discussed with the Selectmen and a meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for November 20.

John and Todd attended the NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>. John noted that one of the workshops addressed the problems of light pollution and trespass. He will approach the Planning Board again to see if an ordinance can be proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

  
John D. Trachy  
Chairman