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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Bob Ruel, vice chair.

Members present: John Trachy, Daphne Klein, Bob Ruel, Jane Seekamp, and Bruce Allen.
Absent: Todd Richardson, Ken Jacques, Cynthia Bruss, Dave Tucker (Selectman Representative).

Also present: Don Hill

Permit by notification: Before taking up any of the other agenda items, the CC members present agreed to hear Don Hill's request for an endorsement by the CC on the permit by notification paperwork he is filing with NH DES. Don has a small man made pond of approximately 3400 square feet on his property on Nichols Hill Road that has been filling in and needs to be dredged to be maintained as a pond. There is no inlet or outlet to or from this pond. Don has spoken to NH DES who said that because this is a permitted use, the project does not require a dredge and fill permit and that a permit by notification should be filed instead. John Trachy has seen the site and agrees that the project fits the permit by notification criteria. John made a motion, seconded by Daphne, that the CC endorses the project proposed by Don Hill to maintain the pond by dredging. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0). Bob Ruel signed the DES forms.

The minutes of August 5, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Conservation Lands: The Brook lot hike will be held on Sunday 10/10/10 at 1:00 pm. John made a motion, seconded by Bruce, that the CC spends not more than \$50.00 for an ad in The Kearsage Shopper. John will work on the wording of the ad and also ask Tamara to send out an email notification.

John reported that the Grantham Conservation Commission voted at their last meeting to approach the Eastman Water District to ask them to use money from their conservation fund to assist with the surveying costs associated with putting a property in Springfield that borders on Bog Brook into a conservation easement. Cynthia and John will contact the Eastman Water District to request a meeting to discuss this project.

Wetlands: Kathy Richardson delivered a packet of information from Star Lake Farm regarding proposed repairs to stabilize the footing of a small boathouse on Star Lake, including photographs, the plans that have been drawn up by Pierre Bedard, and copies of the Minimum Impact Expedited Application to NH DES. After some discussion, Bruce made a motion, seconded by Daphne that the CC signs off on the application, indicating no



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objection to the project. The motion was approved unanimously. Bob Ruel signed the application form.

Invasive Plants: It was noted that the state has been spraying and mowing Japanese knotweed along the roadsides.

Outreach:

- Kindergarten: Daphne will talk with Laura James about meeting with the kindergarten class again this year.
- Possible presentation: John and Bob are interested in doing a public presentation on backyard wildlife, using material that the Coverts program provides. John will bring the slideshow to the next meeting, and Bob will talk to Donna Denniston from the Historical Society about hosting such a meeting.

Reports from other Boards:

- Planning: John attended the most recent Planning Board meeting at which three individuals came for a conceptual hearing regarding putting a shooting range on a piece of property on Sanborn Hill. To do this would require a special exception.
- Selectmen: Daphne noted that there seems to be a discrepancy between the Selectmen's minutes of 8/9/10 and the CC minutes of 8/5/10. In the SB minutes, it says that when asked to report on the 8/5 CC meeting, John Trachy reviewed a proposal by the CC to get other commissions on record to promote night sky regulations. In the CC minutes of 8/5/10, it says that a majority of the CC felt that such an initiative would be inexpedient at this time. John said he was speaking to the SB as a private citizen, not representing the CC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary