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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of Dec 1, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Cynthia Bruss.

Members present: Bob Ruel, Cynthia Bruss, Daphne Klein, Bruce Allen, Ken Jacques. Absent: Todd Richardson, Jane Seekamp. Also present: Leigh Callaway (Selectman representative), John Trachy

The minutes of 11/3/11 were unanimously approved.

Town Lots:

- Leigh said that the \$700.00 spent by the CC for the timber appraisal of the Brook lot should be reimbursed to the CC's general fund before the end of this fiscal year. He also reported that the timber cut from the Brook lot brought in over \$25,000 in revenue to the town. As part of the management plan for this lot, Cynthia plans to include all the pertinent information from this cut, such as revenue generated, total board footage, etc.
- Brooks Weathers has agreed to take a quick look at the Kinsley lot in terms of its timber potential. Cynthia will notify the CC members when a date has been set for this walk.
- Cynthia clarified with the SPFNH how the Royal Arch fund can be used. It can be used to purchase land for conservation or to improve the Royal Arch and the Society lots, but can't be used for purposes such as surveying other lots already owned by the town.
- Cynthia sent two letters, the second one certified with a return receipt, to the Knowlton Trust, that owns the property that lies between the two town owned lots in the northeast corner of town, asking if they have any information regarding past surveys of the shared boundaries, but has not received a reply. One of those town owned lots is missing boundary markings and appears to have been logged in the past without permission from the town. There was general agreement that it would be helpful to have this lot professionally surveyed at some point in the future.

Wetlands: Cynthia showed a publication she has just received from UNH Cooperative Extension: *Method for Inventorying and Evaluating Freshwater Wetlands in NH – 2011*. This book provides updated explanations of how to evaluate and score wetlands. Various CC members expressed interest in learning how to do this.

Outreach: Cynthia has spoken to two individuals who may be interested in becoming CC alternates. They have been invited to attend CC meetings to learn more about what the CC does.

Budget: The CC is putting in a request for \$725.00 for next year's budget.



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Membership and Officers: The terms of Todd, Jane, and Daphne expire this year. Cynthia will confirm that Todd and Jane, who were not present at this meeting, wish to be reappointed and then will write to the Select Board requesting that all three be reappointed. The following CC members agreed to serve as officers:

Chair: Bruce Allen
Vice Chair: Bob Ruel
Treasurer: Ken Jacques
Secretary: Daphne Klein

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary