



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
2750 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 22
SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03284-0022
PHONE (603)763-4805 FAX (603)763-3336
www.springfieldnh.net

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Cynthia Bruss.

Members present: John Trachy, Daphne Klein, Bob Ruel, Ken Jacques, Cynthia Bruss, Todd Richardson, Jane Seekamp, and Bruce Allen.

Also present: Leigh Callaway (Selectman)

The following corrections were made to the minutes of 11/4/10: Under the heading **Wetlands**, in the first sentence, the word *commission's* was changed to *commissions*. Under the heading **Outreach**, the second bullet point that begins, "*Cynthia said . . .*" was changed to read, "*Cynthia has received information that Doug Cygan of the NH Dept of Agriculture has made presentations on invasive species to groups around the state. Cynthia will contact him for more information about what he is able to offer.*" The minutes of 11/4/10 were approved unanimously as amended.

Conservation Lands:

- **Brooks Lot:** Cynthia and Bob met with the Select Board to discuss the timber appraisal of the Brooks Lot which was prepared by Brooks Weathers. The Selectmen agreed to reimburse the CC for the cost of the appraisal and will discuss further disbursements to the CC fund once the logging operation is completed. The CC received positive feedback from the Selectmen about the work the CC is doing to gather information about all of the town owned lots. The next steps will be to establish the criteria for the cut and to see if Brooks Weathers is interested in being the manager of the operation, and if so, what his percentage would be. The Selectmen expressed interest in having local loggers do the work if they are able to meet the criteria.
- **Other Town Lots:** On 12/1, Cynthia and Bruce did a preliminary look at the three town owned lots in the northeast corner of Springfield, one of which borders on Wilmot and Grafton, and were able to locate some of the boundary markers. Pierre Bedard recently surveyed the Wilmot boundary line for the town of Wilmot, although that line will not be considered legal until both Wilmot and Springfield Selectmen approve it. A number of CC members, as well as Leigh, expressed an interest in going out to these lots with a GPS unit before it gets too snowy to try to locate additional boundaries.

Wetlands: There has been no further information about the DES proposal that all wetlands approvals be reviewed by local conservation commissions prior to DES review.



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
2750 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 22
SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03284-0022
PHONE (603)763-4805 FAX (603)763-3336
www.springfieldnh.net

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Outreach:

- **Kindergarten:** The next kindergarten visit will be on 12/16, at which time Cynthia, Todd and Daphne will make bird feeders with the children.
- **Historical Society Presentation:** Cynthia and John will be doing the presentation on backyard wildlife as Coverts members; this will not be an official Conservation Commission presentation.
- **Old Home Day:** Jane made a motion, seconded by Ken, that the CC spend \$40.00 to order 50 crabapple seedlings to give away at Old Home Day. The motion passed unanimously.

Gile Forest: Ken reported that there are a number of broken culverts on the Perley Road (a state owned road). The logging operation in that area of the Gile should be completed this winter.

Membership and Officers: Jane made a motion, seconded by Todd, that the same slate of officers who served this year be reelected for the coming year:

Chair: Cynthia Bruss
Vice-chair: Bob Ruel
Treasurer: Ken Jacques
Secretary: Daphne Klein

The motion passed unanimously. There are four CC members whose terms expire at the end of 2010. Leigh will ask the Selectmen to reappoint to the CC the three members who wish to continue to serve on the CC: Cynthia Bruss, Bob Ruel, and Ken Jacques. John Trachy indicated that he would not be continuing as a CC member after his term ends at the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary