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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2008

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. Absent were: Todd Richardson, Jane Seekamp, Robert Anderson. Also present were: Don Hill (Selectman representative), Bob Ruel, Tina and Ted Rivera

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

The minutes of the 4/10/08 meeting were approved as written.

Update -- Reduced Salt Winter Maintenance Area: The NH Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting to discuss this matter on either 5/28/08 or 5/29/08 (date to be confirmed by DOT) at 7:00 at the Town Meeting House. Because DOT is convening this meeting, they will be sending out the official notices. John Trachy will make sure that all the interested parties are notified of the meeting.

Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act: At the time of this meeting, the NH legislature has still not passed any legislation regarding this act. Absent that legislation, the new Shoreland protection regulations from DES should be in effect as of 4/1/08. A speaker from the New Hampshire Lakes Association will be at the spring meeting of the Kolelemook Lake Protection Association on 5/24/08 to discuss the new regulations.

Green Up Day: Green Up Day will be Saturday, 5/3/08. Daphne will be at the fire station from 9:00 to noon to hand out trash collecting bags and gloves (supplied by the town) to all participants and to help them select road assignments to clean up. Some roads have already been done. Brad Butcher will pick up the trash bags and bring them to the transfer station. John, Jane, and Cynthia are supplying refreshments.

Town Lands Inventory: John, Daphne, and Cynthia went out this morning, 5/1, to look at the Kinsley lot and locate the boundaries. A new bridge has been built over the brook under the power lines. The bridge is well done, but the lumber from the old bridge was left in a pile in the wetlands. The sloping land underneath the power lines around the wetlands is quite dug up and eroded from vehicle use.

Another discovery is that part of the cemetery is in the Kinsley lot. There are still some red blazes marking the boundaries, but they are quite faded. Some CC members will return within the month to try to finish locating all the boundary markers.



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Dutchman Pond Communications: The CC has been copied on a letter to the Select Board by the Dutchman Pond Association. The matter will be address by the Selectmen at a meeting on 5/6/08.

Communications and Miscellaneous: The Zoning Board has two site visits scheduled for 5/3/08 at 9:00 and 9:30.

A letter dated 4/15/08 has been received from DES regarding the Lefebvre property on Palazzi Pond. DES has issued an immediate cease and desist order and an order to submit a restoration plan.

Daphne will bring the town's sedimentation fliers and wetlands permit applications to the KLPA meeting on 5/24/08 for distribution.

The CC will continue to look into the feasibility of a perched beach for at least part of the town beach to reduce sand run-off into the lake.

Ken suggested that the CC contact the LSPA to get their thoughts on reduced salt applications on area roads, as conductivity levels in Lake Sunapee are also increasing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary