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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2009

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by John Trachy.

Wildlife Action Plan: Amanda Stone and Frank Mitchell (UNH Cooperative Extension), Beth McGuinn (The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust) and Chuck Hersey (UNH Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Forest Resource Educator) joined the Commission in reviewing data, WAP maps and town tax maps. Areas of particular interest were identified and discussed. Approaches by other communities to promote land conservation were reviewed. Chuck Hersey volunteered to “rubber sheet” parts of the town tax map to make it easier to identify parcels in areas of co-occurrence of more important wildlife habitat and wetlands. Next work session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 6:15 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings of January 8 and January 29 were approved as submitted.

Wetlands: Nothing new.

Outreach: Cynthia and Todd met again with the kindergarten classes.

Conservation Lands: Todd Richardson presented a plan for placing conservation easements on Star Lake Farm. This plan has been reviewed with the Selectmen and has been approved for the March 2009 Town Meeting Warrant. A meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for February 19. The Conservation Commission is to review the plan at the next meeting and render an opinion.

Gile Forest: Nothing new.

Planning and Zoning: Ken Jacques outlined areas of concentration by the Planning Board for 2009. These include revisions to the site plan and subdivision regulations.

Warrant Article: The petitioned Warrant Article for SB381 has been submitted to the Selectmen for the March 2009 Town Meeting Warrant.

Communications and Miscellaneous: Cynthia Bruss and Todd Richardson reported on research concerning the C.B. Robinson trust fund. It appears to have originated in 1956 or 1957 and is sometimes referred to as the Robinson Tree Fund. Cynthia is to check with the Trustees of the Trust Funds to see if there is more information.



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Dues: Payment of the 2009 dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions was approved at \$200.

Expenses: Reimbursement to Cynthia Bruss for expenses was approved at \$57.49.

Meetings:

A work session is scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 pm.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Sincerely,

John D. Trachy
Chairman