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## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2009**

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

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

Members present were: John Trachy, Daphne Klein, Todd Richardson, Bob Ruel, Cynthia Bruss, Jane Seekamp, and Ken Jacques. Also present was Dave Tucker, Selectman Representative.

The minutes of 9/3/09 and 9/22/09 were approved unanimously.

#### **Outreach:**

- Todd and Daphne had their first visit to the Springfield kindergarten class this morning. Todd, Daphne, and Cynthia (when she is available) will work with the kindergarten class the first Thursday of every month.
- Cynthia talked to NH Fish and Game about borrowing the "Forever Locked" exhibit for Old Home Day next July. The rental cost would be \$500.00 per day. Cynthia will talk to Laura Patten about what she has learned.
- Plans for the January meeting of the Springfield Historical Society were discussed. Cynthia will investigate a Coverts program called "Yesterday and Today" to see if that material could be incorporated into the presentation. A possible focus of the presentation could be the history of the Brook lot.

#### **Conservation Lands:**

- The feedback received on the survey forms that were returned at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> public meeting was generally positive.
- A discussion was held about the possible benefits as well as the possible disadvantages of putting town lots into conservation easements. The Royal Arch and the Society lots are currently the only two town owned lots that are permanently conserved under easements. John will invite someone from the Sutton Conservation Commission to the next meeting to discuss the process the town of Sutton uses when town lots are being considered for easements.



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- Last month the CC began a discussion of whether money in the CC Conservation Fund should be used to help individual landowners who have requested assistance to help pay for the surveying costs incurred when land is put into conservation easements. In a continuation of that discussion, no decision was reached, but opinions were expressed that money in the conservation fund should probably be reserved for projects on town owned lands.
- Cynthia is continuing to work on the trail on the Society lot. It is about half completed.

**Selectmen Reports:** Dave passed around the design that has been prepared by Ross Stevens for the proposed salt and sand shed. The proposal will be voted on at town meeting.

**Communications and Miscellaneous:**

- Various culvert permits have been received from DES.
- The Eastman Charitable Foundation Symposium will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Colby Sawyer College donated two saws and two loppers to the CC.
- Information was distributed on eight brochures describing different habitats that are valuable to wildlife. These brochures are available to landowners through the UNH Cooperative Extension.
- A letter from DRED (Department of Resources and Economic Development) was received regarding a 15 acre parcel of land in the Gile Forest near the King's Highway south of Route 5A that is being selectively cut with the intention of restoring wildlife habitat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein  
Secretary