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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of September 3, 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. Absent: Cynthia Bruss, Jane Seekamp, Ken Jacques. Also present was Dave Tucker, Selectman Representative. Brad Butcher, Road Agent, was present for the first part of the meeting.

Brad Butcher, as a courtesy, informed the CC that he would like to cut some dead hemlocks on Stoney Brook Road, as well as a dead maple near the corner of Deer Hill Road, that look as if they could fall on the road. These trees are located near wetlands. Because the trees are dead, the Shoreland Protection Act does not require a permit to cut the trees, as long as the stumps are left in the ground.

Bob made a motion, seconded by Todd that the minutes of 8/6/09 be accepted. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Wetlands: Notices have been received from DES regarding culvert modifications on two town roads.

Outreach: Todd and Daphne will talk to Laura James, kindergarten teacher, to see if she is interested in having CC members come into the kindergarten once a month to do presentations to the children.

Conservation Lands:

- Plans were reviewed for the public meeting on land conservation that will be held 9/22/09. A draft of a survey that will be given to attendees was presented, and several changes were suggested.
- Cynthia has expressed interest in identifying town lands that the town might consider putting into conservation easements. This will be taken up at next month's meeting.
- Putting private land into conservation easements incurs costs for the landowner for surveying and monitoring. There was a discussion about whether money in the CC Conservation Fund should be used to help pay part of these costs, if the land parcels involved have been identified as significant areas to conserve in the town's Wildlife Action Plan. This will be discussed further next month.



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Joint meetings: Springfield and Grantham Conservation Commissions: Bob and John met with Pat Woolson of the Grantham CC on 8/26 and think these ongoing discussions will be beneficial in increasing cooperation between the two towns.

Zoning, Selectmen Reports:

- At the ZBA meeting on 9/1/09, George Evarts presented a proposal to add a sawmill to his lumber operation on Rte 4-A. The proposed location involves wetlands. A site visit is scheduled for 9/12 at 9:00 am.
- Dave passed out information about the highway garage and about proposed changes for signage at the intersection of Four Corners Road and Bowman Road. A petition was received by the Selectmen that the speed limit be reduced on Bowman Road from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Correspondence and Miscellaneous: A notice has been received from DRED that they will be doing some cutting in the southwest section of the Gile Forest near the King's Highway to restore wildlife habitat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Klein
Secretary