

DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes to Meeting (Approved 11/9/06)

October 12, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members present: Dwight Baldwin, Beryl Harper, Jim Hellen, Duane Hyde, George Thomas,
Robin Vranicar

Excused absence: Cynthia Belowski, Richard Ozenich, Peter Smith

- 1. New Business/Presentations** - Dave Garvey spoke about the Craig Meadows conservation land. The site development will include enhancing the existing trails with stone dust and placing simple bog bridges over wet areas. The Condo Association will eventually own and maintain about 12 acres with multiple layers of protection: Town density zoning, Condo by-laws, and either a conservation easement or deed restriction. The Strafford Rivers Conservancy is not interested in holding an easement on the designated open space. The DCC will send a letter to the Planning Board recommending a deed restriction be put in place with the Town as holder, and the Town code enforcement officer be responsible for future monitoring.
- 2. Acceptance of minutes of September 14, 2006** – Approved as corrected.
- 3. Ongoing Business**
 - a. Wetlands applications** – No new projects. George Thomas will coordinate the paperwork.
 - b. Mill Pond** – Dwight Baldwin reported that a letter from the NH National Guard states the expectation that the dredging of Mill Pond will take place in the training year 2008.
 - c. Land Protection Working Group** - Duane Hyde reported on several projects.
 1. The Beaudette Farm closing was September 15. Durham's share to hold the conservation easement on the land needs NOAA approval.
 2. The Langley properties closing was in early October.
 3. The Fogg property project was approved by the Town Council and documents are being signed. The Town of Durham will hold the conservation easement.
 4. Duane will take aerial photos of recent projects and plan for a celebration and presentation at a Town Council meeting.
 - d. Town Land Use/Trails Subcommittee**
 1. George Thomas reported on the status of the Longmarsh footbridges. The hemlock planks have arrived and the cedar logs have been ordered. Mike Lynch has been very helpful. The tentative date of installation is early November.
 2. Cynthia Belowski is meeting with Jane Crooks to review the Adopt a Trail program. Some Town properties will be monitored by the Parks and Recreation Committee, and some by the DCC. All properties with conservation easements held by the DCC will need regular field checks.

3. Most of the Welcome signs on Town parklands have been installed. Doug Bullen of the Department of Public Works has been very helpful.

4. Board and Committee Reports

- a. Town Council - no report
- b. Planning Board – no report
- c. Oyster and Lamprey Rivers – no report

5. Other Business

- a. Jackson Landing- Dwight reported on the public presentation to the Town Council. The Council supported the proposed erosion control measures. The DES grant application is pending.
- b. Longmarsh trail project – See 3. d. above
- c. Conservation Easement Monitoring – See 3. d. above.
- d. NH Carbon Challenge – Dwight passed out brochures addressing global warming, and we agreed to invite Julia Dundorf and Denise Blaha to our November meeting to promote the Carbon Challenge.

6. Administrative

- a. Date of next meeting – November 9, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Beryl Harper