

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**January 11, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

7:04 pm: Chair Serita Frey called the Meeting to order.

**Present:**

Serita Frey~ Chair, Erick Berglund~ Treasurer, Diane Thompson, Dave Linden & Wes Golomb

**Members Absent:**

Kate Hartnett

**Visitors:**

Frank Mitchell~ DCC Volunteer

**Citizen's Comments:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

None

**Old Business:**

Frank Mitchell, a DCC volunteer, informed the Commission that he completed the article on the Town Forests which was submitted to the Communicator for publication in the next issue. He agreed to draft another article on the warrant article to put Conservation Easements on all the Town Forests. He also suggested finding someone who would be willing to come to the Deliberative Session and speak in support of the warrant article.

There was discussion on whether the Commission can post articles and pictures to the Town's website. There was also discussion about printing a poster explaining the warrant article for posting around Town prior to voting day. There was discussion of finalizing a group email list to send updates to interested citizens, as well as putting a notice in the Forum.

Chair Serita Frey updated the Commission on Alvah Chase based on an email from Cindy Heon: The decision was made, by the Selectmen, to take the advice of Counsel and prepare, and sign, release deeds (now recorded) for the Lamy and Farley properties. There is still the matter of the jog, which would require more research in order to locate the owner/owners of that parcel.

**New Business:**

Chair Serita Frey referred to the monitoring done by the Commission and noted that Al Yeager does all of the properties except the Curry Duchano property. She stated that she got an email from Steve Walker that that property is not currently being monitored and the Commission needs to figure out who will take this on. Dave Linden agreed to contact the property owner for permission to have someone perform the monitoring in the spring.

Chair Serita Frey referred to the three warrant articles coming up on the ballot in Raymond, NH. One is to rescind the Conservation Commission, the second is to completely rescind the Land Use Change Tax and the third is regarding Log & Forestry Taxes. She received an email from a Raymond resident asking for help. The Commission felt the only thing they could do was encourage them to do some fast education.

She mentioned that the Land & Water Conservation Fund has an RFP out to solicit applications for land conservation projects that they would fund 50/50.

**Financial Officer's Report:**

Treasurer, Erick Berglund informed the Commission that the Conservation Fund balance was \$338,110.08.

**Strategic Planning Update:**

None

**Land Conservation:**

Dave Linden informed the Commission of a phone call he received regarding 115 acres on South Road and the possibility of the development rights being sold. The owner is in discussions with Bear Paw.

Erick Berglund stated that Bear Paw has had some land owners approach them about putting easements on their property. He also received a letter from the Lamprey River Watershed Association about extending the protection on the Lamprey River. Chair Serita Frey confirmed that she is writing a letter in support of that effort.

**Regulated Wetlands:**

Chair Serita Frey reviewed with the Commission the recent correspondence letters from the Department of Environmental Service (DES):

- Complete Forestry Notification, Permit # 2009-02872; for Shirley Hutchins, regarding property in Deerfield, NH (Map-422, Lot-1). To cut timber for forest management purposes only.
- Request for Information for Daniel Livingston, regarding his Standard Dredge and Fill Application (Map-420, Lot-17). They need to revise their subdivision plan.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

Bear Paw sent a letter of thanks for renewing their membership.

**Citizens Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

8:35pm

**MOTION:** Dave Linden made a Motion to adjourn.

**SECONDED:** Erick Berglund seconded the Motion.

**VOTE:** Chair Serita Frey called for the Vote.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

The January 11, 2010 meeting is adjourned.

*The Minutes were Recorded, Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Nese Farrell, Recording Secretary. Pending Approval by the Deerfield Conservation Committee. Final revisions to these minutes will be contained in the minutes for the following meeting.*