

**MINUTES**  
**Deerfield Conservation Commission**  
**19 Mar 2008**  
**7 PM**

*Note: Minutes are considered drafts until revised and approved at the next meeting. Final revisions to these minutes will be contained in the minutes for the following meeting.*

**Present:** Serita Frey, Dave Linden, Diane Thompson, Kate Hartnett, Erick Berglund.  
Start: 7:05 Adjourn 9:36.

**Financial Officer's Report**

Received memo from the Selectboard indicating that the Town will be operating under the default budget for the coming year and that all expenditures over \$500 need approval by Selectboard.

The DCC budget balance was \$250,592.15 at the end of Dec 2007, \$251,589.43 at the end of Jan 2008, and \$248,650.79 at the end Feb 2008. Freese Sales Agreement funding encumbered at the end of Feb 2008 was \$252,009.95 representing principal of \$250,000 and accumulated interest of \$2,009.95.

**Land Conservation**

#12: A motion was made by Kate Hartnett giving approval to Erick Berglund to sign and approve contract with Exeter Environmental Associates, Inc for \$1,300.00 for the environmental site assessment (seconded and approved by committee). Use list was reviewed and considered complete in terms of public comment. It needs some refinement on a few specific issues and converted into a management plan. Plan will be presented to the Selectboard for their review and input.

**Regulated Wetlands**

Received letter from NHDES on 3 Mar 08 stating that they received "*Notification of Forest Management or Timber Harvest Activities Having Minimum Wetlands Impact*" form for work in Deerfield, Tax Map/Lot: 405/53. DES indicated that this notice is sufficient for the work to start provided the work does not occur in or adjacent to a municipally designated wetland; timber is cut for management purposes only, and best management practices are followed.

Received letter from NHDES on 18 Feb 08 stating that DES has approved the after-the-fact request by the Town to **retain** construction of the concrete bridge on Hartford Brook.

**New Business**

David Sidmore attended the meeting to express his interest in putting a conservation easement on a portion (~20 acres) of his property (the open fields); DCC requested a tour of the property which was scheduled for Sun Mar 30 at 10 am.

Pearl Stevens attended the meeting to express her possible interest in putting a 63 acre parcel under conservation easement. DCC requested a tour of the property and suggested that a forester join the tour. Weather needs to improve before that can happen. This item will put on agenda for next month and when weather improves a tour will be scheduled.

Carla and Rick Hatem attended the meeting to discuss a property (16 acres) across the road from the Freese easement and that connects to the Alvah Chase Town Forest. The Hatem's are going to volunteer to continue work on this project in conjunction with Dave Linden representing the Commission.

A new slate of committee officers were nominated and approved for 2008-2009: Serita Frey, Chair; Dave Linden, Vice Chair; Diane Thompson, Secretary; and Erick Berglund, Treasurer.

Kate Hartnett contacted the Center for Land Conservation and learned that there is precedent in NH for expending conservation fund/town funds to support a town employee to assist with conservation commission activities. Eleven towns in the State have at least part-time assistance: Laconia, Hollis, Belmont, Lee, Hampton Falls, Lebanon, Tamworth, Milford, Wolfboro, Amherst, and Pelham.

**Old Business** None

### **Announcements/Correspondence**

The SNHPC Special Planners Roundtable will be held March 27 at PSNH Energy Park.

### **Action Items:**

Erick Berglund: Will call David Sidmore to confirm site visit on Sun Mar 30 at 10 am.

Erick Berglund: Talk with Cindy Heon about expenditure for env site assessment; send contract and survey/tax map to Exeter Environmental.

Erick Berglund: Talk with Dan Kern about what Freese uses still need to be reflected in the conservation easement.

Erick Berglund: Plan presentation of proposed Freese uses to Selectboard

Dave Linden: Copies of deeds for Steven's property

Dave Linden: Give copies of final draft of Freese uses to abutters

Dave Linden: Contact Town to update list of DCC members

Dave Linden: contact Richard Moore and Wendy on Mt. Delight re: joining DCC

Dave Linden: talk with Town about posting trail guide

David Sidmore: Will look for blister rust map for Steven's property

Diane Thompson: Will look at 2006 meetings for approval to expend conservation funds to purchase Freese property

Diane Thompson: Will begin to develop a management plan for Freese.

Kate Hartnett: Call Brenda Eaves about re-joining DCC

Kate Hartnett: Prepare article for Communicator/Forum

Serita Frey: revise and submit minutes to committee; prepare agenda for next meeting