

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD
DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

September 14, 2009

MINUTES

Call to Order

7:00 pm: Chair~ Serita Frey called the meeting to order.

Present:

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

Members Absent:

Wes Golomb, Kate Hartnett

Visitors:

Frank Mitchell, Lisa Wolford

Approval of Minutes:

None

Strategic Planning Update:

- The Commission had discussion on the draft letter for an article to be in the next print of the Forum. Frank Mitchell stated that an addition to the fourth paragraph was made stating that the newly acquired Freese Town Forest is the only permanently protected property with a Conservation Easement. Frank suggested that some explanation of what a "Conservation Easement" is would need to accompany this letter. The Commission agreed to ask the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to approve the concept and to ask them if the Commission should put this before the voters. A final version of this letter is to be prepared to present to the BOS and possibly the Town in March 2010.
- Referencing the Open Space Plan, Frank suggested the mentioning of current protection for publicly owned properties.
- Frank Mitchell advised that it was mentioned to him that in the last print of the Forum they had a Conservation section with maps, towns and where their properties were. It was decided that if a map is not an option that will work for the print addition of the Forum, maybe a map can be put on the Town's website with reference of the article. It was agreed that a good photograph of the Freese Bio-thon could be used as well as a photo of people enjoying one of the town forests. Serita will select a few to submit with the article.
- Frank Mitchell mentioned that the revised table didn't reflect the Lindsey Conservation area in the list and suspects it was over looked due it not being one of the ones subject to a management plan. It is understood that the Dowst-Cate Park, McNeil & Lindsey properties were given to the Town for conservation purposes. Erick also mentioned that the Weiss property was specifically purchased for conservation purposes & future development. It was agreed that other than the Weiss property, all the other properties were taken by tax lien or given and mentioning this in the meeting for approval may be useful.
- Frank Mitchell referred to the Hart property needing to be resurveyed and suspects that the surveying cost would be proportional to the acreage. Frank further mentioned that it may be possible to get funding to cover some of these costs. For example, the Piscataqua River Restoration project may be in assistance of somewhere around \$8,000.00. He also informed the Commission that Dan Kern of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways is willing to apply for this for conservation transaction costs within the Coastal Watershed. The Wells property & the Heart property are in the Merrimack Water Shed and there may be a way to bundle these projects.

The Commission had discussion on the Conservation Easement Project Expense Worksheet.

Financial Officer' s Report:

Erick Berglund informed the Commission that the Town Treasure had not yet given him a Conservation Fund Report yet. Per vote of DCC at the Aug 31 meeting, a check was requested to be sent to Jim Franklin, Surveyor, in the amount of \$1,100.00.

The Commission had discussion on the Budget.

Land Conservation:

Dave Linden informed the Commission that he is still waiting for the signs for the Freese Town Forest from the State.

Regulated Wetlands:

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

- Complete Forestry Notification letter of September 2, 2009 regarding File #2009-01948 (Patrick & Sandra Cassier, 94 South Road, Deerfield, NH)
- Complete Forestry Notification letter of September 3, 2009 regarding File #2009-01951 (Swain Family Trust/ Howard Swain, 75 Old Deerfield Road, Candia, NH)
- Letter of September 3, 2009 regarding Shoreland Application #2009-01988 (35 Baker Avenue, Deerfield, NH~ Tax Map/Lot #: 1A / 10) Karlene Wadleigh, 1465 Hooksett Road #409 Devon, Hooksett, NH
- Request for More Information letter of 9/8/09 regarding File # 2007-02481 (Howard Viens/ J. Viens Recreational Trust, Location: 6 & 7 Sunset Lane, Deerfield, NH~ Tax Map/Lot #: 207 / 52)

The Commission discussed the letter of August 13, 2009 from the State of New Hampshire regarding Pleasant Lake Dam, Deerfield, NH (#061.01) ~ Permit by Notification (PBN). It was signed by the Town, but reflects no return to contact. The Commission will keep it until contacted for its pick up.

Dave Linden mentioned that he was contacted by a Deerfield resident up on the inlet to Pleasant Lake, regarding a complaint on her neighbor altered the course of the stream between their properties. Pictures were sent to Dave of what they did to the property without a permit. Dave referred the resident to DES.

Dave Linden was contacted by a Kimberly Peace from Normandeau Associates, a company working on a project for Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH), requesting a time to come talk to the Commission regarding the new transformer on Cate Road.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Announcements & Correspondence:

None

Action Items:

- Serita to prepare a final version of the proposal letter is to be presented to the BOS
- Serita is to find a good photograph of the Freese Bio-thon & of people enjoying one of the town forests to submit with the article for the Forum.

Citizens Comments:

None

Adjournment:

8:25pm

MOTION: Erick Berglund motioned to adjourn.

SECONDED: Dave Linden seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairman Serita Frey called for the vote.

All in Favor