

**Town of Deerfield
Deerfield Conservation Commission
November 8, 2010
Minutes**

Present: Erick Berglund, Serita Frey, Wes Golomb, Kate Hartnett, Dave Linden, Diane Thompson, Frank Mitchell (volunteer)

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Don McMurchy from Nottingham and Jeff MacLeod from Northwood attended to alert the DCC to an easement violation on Cotton Woods Estate where ATVs and four-wheel drive vehicles are causing significant damage. The easement, held by the Town of Deerfield, restricts the use of the property to forestry purposes and non-motorized recreational uses.

Dan Kern, Executive Director of Bear-Paw Land Trust, attended to discuss the donated McGarry Easement. It was determined that Bear-Paw will coordinate the project in terms of scheduling the survey and developing the easement documentation and the DCC will directly cover the costs associated with this project.

Citizen's Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the October 2010 minutes as written.

Financial Officer's Report: The current balance of the Conservation Fund as of 10/31/10 was \$355,411.65.

Strategic Planning Update: None

Land Conservation:

- Land Protection Project: Serita Frey will send a draft of 2011 warrant article to place conservation easements on Town Forests to Town Counsel for review and submit to the BOS with a request for support

Regulated Wetlands: None

New Business: The legal bill from Upton and Hatfield for \$999.21 for work related to the Attorney General's investigation of alleged conflict of interest by DCC members was discussed. Kate Hartnett raised the issue of who has the responsibility to cover legal fees in this situation and whether there is any precedent in Deerfield or other towns. Erick Berglund noted that the Town carries professional liability insurance to protect volunteers working on Town related committees. Serita Frey will contact the Local Government Center and Town Counsel to discuss further.

Old Business: None

Announcements & Correspondence: None

Adjournment: 9:20 pm

The minutes were prepared and submitted by Serita Frey. Pending approval by the Deerfield Conservation Committee. Final revisions to these minutes will be contained in the minutes of the following meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Erick Berglund: present MOU to McGarrys

Serita Frey: schedule appointment with BOS to discuss Cotton Woods Estate easement violation; send draft of warrant article to Town Counsel for review and submit to the BOS with a request for support; contact Local Government Center regarding legal bill for Attorney General Investigation