

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**November 9, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

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

**Present:**

Serita Frey ~ Chair, Erick Berglund~ Treasurer, Diane Thompson & Kate Hartnett

**Members Absent:**

Wes Golomb & Dave Linden

**Call to Order:**

7:40 pm: Chair~ Serita Frey called the Public portion of the Meeting to order.

**Visitors:**

Frank Mitchell, Bear Paw Representative

**Approval of Minutes:**

None

**Citizen' s Comments:**

None

**Strategic Planning Update:**

Chair Frey advised the Commission that Erick Berglund, Frank Mitchell and herself went to the Board of Selectmen a few weeks ago and they agreed to entertain a Warrant Article to put Conservation Easements on all of the Town Forests (Arthur Chase Town Forest, Dowst-Cate Town Forest, Hart Town Forest, Lindsay Conservation Area, McNeil Conservation Area, Weiss Town Forest & Wells Town Forest). Frank Mitchell worked on the language of the Warrant Article and there was discussion of the draft (Warrant Article for March 2010).

Kate Hartnett referred to the language of "... to see if the Town would go on record" and if that is the conventional language that would go on the advisory. Mr. Mitchell replied that usually there is a written message/ record that would be sent to the Congressional Delegation, but this wasn't the case and it did not seem necessary.

Mr. Berglund suggested the wording of "... establishing Conservation Easements to permanently protect the Town-Owned Forests & Conservation Areas". He added that noting that this is in line with what the Commission has already done for Freese Town Forest might help.

- Mr. Mitchell will revise the Warrant Article for March 2010 to be sent to the Town Attorney for suggestions prior to presenting it to the Board of Selectmen (BOS). It was decided to refer to all the properties by their Tax Map numbers.
- Mr. Mitchell will present an article (Article-1) to the print addition of the Forum, which is the proposal for this idea, stating that we will continue to let everyone know as things transpire. As soon as this gets approved by the BOS, then the Commission can start putting things out more concretely.
- Mr. Mitchell will present an article (Article-2) to the Communicator for the January 2010 print addition, regarding the forests and conservation area features & values.
- Mr. Mitchell will present an article (Article-3) to the Communicator for the February 2010 print addition, explaining the Warrant Article.
- Ms. Hartnett will try to get a small blurb added into the Communicator for December (as the DCC missed the November 6<sup>th</sup> deadline for the December print edition) stating the following: *The Deerfield Conservation Commission (DCC) is working with the Board of Selectmen and the Forestry Committee to permanently protect seven Town Forests & Conservation Areas. The DCC will provide an Advisory Article for the March 2010 Town Warrant. More information will soon be available. In the meantime, please contact Serita Frey, DCC Chair at the*

*DCC email address: [dfddcc@townofdeerfieldnh.com](mailto:dfddcc@townofdeerfieldnh.com). Anyone interested in being added to the regular DCC Update of current Conservation activities, please email us at the URL above.*

Mr. Mitchell updated the Commission on the monitoring of the Freese Town Forest on October 31<sup>st</sup>; other than minor abutter infringements, everything went well.

Mr. Mitchell updated the Commission that Property #23 (Tax Map 410, Lot-75) has been surveyed (62-acres between Babb Road & Griffin Road).

### **Land Conservation:**

Chair Frey mentioned that she was contacted by a resident who owns property on the Deerfield and Nottingham line (near Pawtuckaway). She stated that she read in the Communicator that the Commission was going to publish a list of Town Conservation Lands that have public access areas. She was concerned that people would continue to access her land without using the designated area, as she has a Conservation Easement on it but does not have public access; there is a small public access/right away where the Town intended to put a trail. Mrs. Frey replied that they were discussing Town Owned lands and were not planning to publish privately owned Conservation Easements.

### **Financial Officer's Report:**

Treasurer, Erick Berglund, informed the Commission that he sent an email to the Town Treasurer for information and has yet to receive the balance for the Conservation Fund.

Mr. Berglund mentioned the Memo from the Board of Selectmen regarding not putting an increase in the budget for Town Employees to receive wage increases, however, they are going to have a RFO in the Warrant for a 2.5% increase for the townspeople to vote on.

Mr. Berglund referred to the bill from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$250.00 for next year's membership fee.

MOTION: Kate Hartnett moved to pay the membership fee for 2010 in the amount of \$250.00. Chair Frey seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chair Frey called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Mr. Berglund asked Carol Andrews, Executive Director of New Hampshire's Conservation Commissions (NHACC), for a document that shows what services the Commission receives by being a member and distributed a copy to DCC members. He referred to the electronic email newsletter that is sent to the members and confirmed that he will send her all of the DCC member's email addresses so that they can start receiving these newsletters. She informed Mr. Berglund that the Commission has a place on their website to put the DCC website link, as well as pictures and updates.

Mr. Berglund confirmed that the DCC post office box has now been expunged and the Commission is now getting all mail at the Town address and via email.

### **New Business:**

Chair Frey read the Memo of October 3, 2009 from Lisa Wolford outlining the legal volunteer work she performed for the Deerfield Conservation Commission. She summarized some of the tasks she performed; searched the Rockingham County of Deeds for deed, title and page information, collected/assimilated all property related materials provided by DCC, cross referenced the preliminary list of properties with granite and other maps provided by DCC, made copies of Bear Paw property binders, searched Town Tax Assessment records for deeds and other Conservation related documents and created individual binders for the eighteen properties that appear to have more complete documentations.

### **Other Business:**

Mr. Mitchell mentioned that he spoke to Bill Fleeger, who thought he was still a member of the Forestry Committee. He stated that he would be willing to continue to serve on the Committee. Mr. Mitchell will confirm with him as to whether he wants to be a volunteer or if he would like to be reappointed.

### **Regulated Wetlands:**

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

- Notification of Trail Development (NHB File #NHB09-0878); regarding Katherine Evans of New Hampshire North Eastern Bike Association having minimum wetland impact for bridge construction in Bear Brook State Park (Deerfield Tax Map #413, Lot-059).

- Shoreland Impact Permit #2009-02317 was issued to Mike Desroche for a Shoreland application at 4 Pond View Lane (Tax Map 1A, Lot 10).
- Shoreland Impact Permit #2009-01988 was issued to Karlene Wadleigh regarding 35 Baker Ave, Deerfield, NH (Tax Map 206, Lot 28); for an impact of 240 square feet for the purpose of expanding a non-conforming primary structure.

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

Chair Frey reviewed a letter from James Hadley of the Lamprey River Watershed Association, contacting the Commission on behalf of the Lamprey River Nomination Committee to request support for the nomination of the upper section of the Lamprey River to be protected. MOTION: Kate Hartnett moved to send a letter of support to the Lamprey River Watershed Association. Erick Berglund seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chair Frey called for the Vote. It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

Chair Frey announced the Bear Paw Round Table Meetings; November 19, 2009 at the Town Office Meeting Room, 74 High Street, Candia, NH and December 3, 2009, held at the Bear-Paw Office, 63 Nottingham Road, Deerfield, NH.

**Action Items:**

The Commission decided on including a message on each of the articles to be published stating "You may contact the Deerfield Conservation Commission at their email address: [dfiddcc@townofdeerfieldnh.com](mailto:dfiddcc@townofdeerfieldnh.com)". There will also be a group emailing list for those who wish to stay updated on the Commission's progress or events, sent out on a regular basis.

**Citizens Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

9:05pm

MOTION: Serita Frey moved to Adjourn.

SECONDED: Erick Berglund seconded the Motion.

VOTE: Chair Frey called for the Vote.

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

*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.*