

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 17, 2010**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

7:09 pm: Chair Serita Frey called the Meeting to order.

**Present:**

Serita Frey~ Chair, Erick Berglund~ Treasurer, Dave Linden, Kate Hartnett & Wes Golomb

**Members Absent:**

Diane Thompson

**Visitors:**

None

**Citizen's Comments:**

None

**Financial Officer's Report:**

Treasurer, Erick Berglund stated that the Conservation Fund was to receive a check for about \$10,995 in April from the Land Use Change Tax. As of the end of March, the Conservation Fund is \$338,345.89.

**Strategic Planning Update:**

None

**Land Conservation:**

- A. Status on project to put Conservation Easements on Town Forests: The board reviewed the history of this initiative, going back to the meeting of October 2009 with the Board of Selectmen (BOS), where the Deerfield Conservation Commission (DCC) gave them a budget in writing and presented information that this project would cost \$68,000 of which \$30,000 would be for the survey cost, \$21,000 for the annual monitoring by an independent entity and about \$9,000 for legal expenses. Mr. Berglund reported on his subsequent meeting with the BOS on 5/3/10 where he reviewed the same information.

In the past month, there have been several letters and an article in The Forum discussing this project. Commission members are extremely concerned about the level of misinformation and inaccuracy circulating about this project despite their best efforts to be open and transparent. Commission members will continue their efforts to get facts on the table and continue this project supported by the majority of voters (75%).

Kate Hartnett confirmed that she was never on the Bear Paw Board. Erick Berglund was a member of the Bear Paw board in the past, but has not been on that Board in almost three years. No one else on the Conservation Commission has been on the Bear Paw Board.

- B. Update on Pinecrest Road Proposal: The Commission determined that this property does not meet the criteria for conservation land/open space.
- C. Lamprey River Support Letter: Mr. Berglund referred to an email regarding extending protection of the Lamprey River.

**MOTION:** Wes Golomb moved to send a letter of support for this effort.

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

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

D. Land Protection Projects:

1. Property #25: There is a meeting scheduled with the land owners and a representative of DCC to discuss a potential donated Conservation Easement.
2. Property #24: The family wants to do some level of land conservation and have applied for a Wetland Reserve Program Grant.

**Regulated Wetlands:**

- A. Chair Frey will send a letter to the Fire Chief and copy the BOS, offering DCC assistance with any permit applications to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for any potential wetland impacts for the property adjacent to the firehouse.
- B. Chair Frey reviewed with the Commission the recent correspondence letters from DES:
  - Shoreland Impact Permit to Daniel Gill regarding 6 Scott Lane, Deerfield, NH for constructing a new foundation and installing a new septic system.
  - Minimum Impact Expedited Application for Richard & Judith Clark. DES is requesting for more information.
  - Dredge & Fill Application for NHDES Water Division, Dam Bureau/ James W. Gallagher Jr., regarding Phase-2 of the dam repair on Pleasant Lake Dam (Map-204, Lot-32).

**New Business:**

- A. Request for information: Chair Frey referred to an e-mail from the author of *The Fresh Water Guides of New England* who is requesting information on Freese Pond and Pleasant Lake. He is doing a new book on the eastern part of New Hampshire and is seeking information on vegetation, any invasive species issues, rules and regulations.  
  
The DCC will suggest he go to DES and the local Fish & Game (NHF&G) for fishing and boating information, as no one on the Commission is an experienced bass fisherman or boater on Freese Pond and Pleasant Lake.
- B. Approving Minutes: The Commission will read the unapproved Minutes for discussion and approval at the next meeting.
- C. Renewal of Commission Term for Dave Linden: Chair Frey will write a letter to the BOS requesting Mr. Linden be re-appointed to the Conservation Commission for another 3-year term.
- D. Discuss job description for the Recording Secretary: The Commission will revisit at next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- A. Status of timber harvest on town lands: The Commission is waiting on completion of the management plan and will revisit this at the next meeting.
- B. Update on Alvah Chase: The Commission will revisit this at the next meeting.
- C. Mrs. Carter/ Northwood Lake Retaining Wall: The Commission will revisit this at the next meeting.
- D. Update on Open Space Committee: Ms. Hartnett stated that their final meeting with the SNHRP Commission is scheduled for tomorrow night (5/18) and will present the next draft of the Open Space Plan. During their work with the Regional Planning Commission, an updated set of the wildlife action plan maps have become available from NHF&G. Volunteers will continue working on the plan to incorporate the new information.

**Education Outreach:**

None

**Announcements & Correspondence:**

Ms. Hartnett referred to the viewing of the movie called "Dirt—The Movie" and whether or not to pick a date and announce the showing at her residence. The Commission will revisit this at the next meeting.

**Citizens Comments:**

None

**Adjournment:**

9:18 pm

**MOTION:** Erick Berglund made a Motion to adjourn.

**SECONDED:** Wes Golomb seconded the Motion.

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

It was a Unanimous Vote in Favor.

The May 17, 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.*