

BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

November 4th, 2009 Meeting (No October meeting was held as members were unavailable)

Present: Sang Curtis- Chairperson, John Nelson- Vice Chairperson, Tom Giguere, Dulcie Lavender, Ernie Brown-Selectman's Rep, Tom Hill- alternate, Jennifer McKown- alternate.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Review of September 2nd Minutes: Tom G. made a motion to accept the minutes, Dulce seconded and the **motion passed**.
4. Mail:
 - A. The State DES denied Edward Ingalls request for a seasonal dock and perched beach on Kingswood Lake due to noncompliance with RSA 482-A.
 - B. The town has been invited to work with the newly formed Southeast Watershed Alliance on improving water quality in the area. Several members questioned whether this effort overlaps work done by existing groups. **Dulce** will call for more information.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): Sang read a cover letter she wrote which requests the Planning Board include the completed NRI in the Town's Master Plan. **Sang** will deliver the documents at the November 23rd Planning Board meeting.
 - B. Timber Use Regulations and Shoreline Protection Act: Sang contacted County Forester, Wendy Scribner asking if the Town's timber regulations were consistent with the new Shoreline Protection Act. Forester Scribner stated that there is no conflict as the "Intent to Cut" application contains the same Basal Area Law restrictions as the Shoreline Protection Act. Ernie added that the Selectmen are updating the Town's Timber regulations.
 - C. Moose Mountain Recreation, LLC Pond Construction: On September 4th, 2009, the Conservation Commission met onsite with Mr. Damon Burt of Fraggie Rock Environmental Services to discuss a wetlands permit application he prepared on behalf of Moose Mountain Recreation, LLC. Please see the attached report prepared by Tom Hill and the letter from town attorney, Laura Spector concerning this meeting. Although the proposed pond was approved by the State DES on October 6th, the town was not informed until Sang called DES on October 28th. Ms. Dori Wiggans of DES said staff cutbacks had caused her office to overlook sending a copy of the approval to the town. Sang immediately contacted Mr. Bourdeau requesting permission for the Conservation Commission to periodically monitor the construction of the pond. Mr. Bourdeau replied that he would prefer the CC not have access at this time and that he would discuss this with his lawyer.
 - D. Wetlands monitoring: Ernie stated that the Selectmen have eliminated the position of Wetlands Monitor. Board members felt that we currently respond appropriately to any wetlands issues and no further action is required.

E. Planning Board Recreational Subcommittee: Jen discussed the town-wide charette held on September 19th at which 10 town members discussed the list of possible activities/events which could conceivably be held in the Recreational Zone. Frank Fraiser is using feedback from this meeting to draft proposed changes to the Recreational Zone regulations. If approved by the Planning Board, the proposed zoning changes may be voted on by the town in March, 2010.

F. Meetings: **Tom G** will attend the Selectman's meeting on November 10th. **Sang** will attend the Planning Board meeting on November 23rd.

6. New Business:

A. Copple Crown Hiking Trail: Art Slocum (trail adopter for the Copple Crown Mountain Trail) is attempting to improve public access to the trailhead. He sent an email to the Conservation Commission requesting help in repairing the Hanson Rd access to the parking area. Although the board agreed this was a worthy project, some confusion existed over the scope of the job. **Sang** will contact Mr. Slocum for more information and will then request a quote from Road Agent, Ed Nason for the work. **Ernie** agreed to visit the site. The Commission will discuss possible funding next meeting.

B. Whelton Subdivision: Mr. Jack Devries contacted the Conservation Commission concerning his property which abuts the Whelton Subdivision "Open Space" lot. Apparently, someone has entered Mr. Devries property and disturbed stone walls. As this is not conservation land, the Conservation Commission has no oversight. Mr. Devries has since contacted the police.

C. Newsletter: Sang read the Conservation Commission's summary of 2009 accomplishments she prepared for the town newsletter which accompanies resident's tax bills. **Sang** will forward the summary for inclusion in the newsletter.

D. GPS: John Nelson attended a workshop which trained attendees on using GPS equipment to record specific areas of interest on Granite Maps.

E. Asian Longhorn Beetle: John Nelson attended a Forest Department presentation on this threat to New Hampshire forests. He will post information in the Town House. Ernie produced a Proclamation signed by Governor Lynch emphasizing the seriousness of this threat.

F. Membership: Sang informed the Commission that the March, 2010 meeting will be her last as she is moving out of town.

7. Report from Selectmen: Nothing significant.

8. Report from Planning Board: None.

9. Next Meeting. December 2nd, 2009 6:00 PM.

John made a motion to adjourn, Ernie seconded, and **motion passed**. Adjourned 7:45 PM.