

Conservation Commission Meeting Town of Brookfield Minutes of December 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM. Present: Doug Vanderpool, Sang Curtis, John Nelson, Marilyn Bushman, Tom Giguere, Lynn Kirby, and Craig Evans. Chairperson, Sang Curtis asked Tom to sit in for Dick who was absent. Public present: Bill Gaver.

Sang read Dick's corrections to the November 5, 2008 minutes. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, John seconded, and passed unanimously. The mail was reviewed.

Sang gave members a copy of a proposed *Draft Workforce Housing Ordinance Amendment* (last edited November 25, 2008). The proposed amendment will be discussed at the next Planning Board Meeting. She also handed out an announcement for an informational meeting regarding Senate Bill 342. The meeting will be at the Town House on December 13, 2008 at 9 AM.

The Scenic Signs article for news release was discussed and edited. John will rewrite with changes and send to members for input and then send to the Granite State for news release;

Sang read an email from Jennifer McKown. Being unable to attend the meeting, Jennifer wanted to express her views on the topic of Conservation Fund and Capital Reserve Fund. A lengthy discussion followed on the differences between the funds, the possibility of funding by a percentage of the Land Use Change Tax, and appointing the selectmen as agents for a Capital Reserve Fund. It was suggested that the LGC be contacted for additional options, legal information on the RSA's for both, and funding by the Land Use Change Tax. John will contact the Madison, NH CC and Sang will contact the Sandwich, NH CC for advice and suggestions.

A copy of Tom's website introductory paragraph was handed out and discussed. Tom will make recommended changes and send to members to be reviewed.

John made a motion to make 45 color copies of the *Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act – Summary of the Standards*; and send to the residents on Kingswood Lake. Doug seconded and passed unanimously.

Permits have been submitted for a subdivision application on Moose Mountain Road, Tax map 15 – lot 5. Some members of the CC have walked the area and expressed concerns for the wetlands present.

Sang presented members with an example of the *Strafford Conservation Commission Open Space Letter to Abutters*. Tom agreed to rework the informational letter to be appropriate for the Brookfield CC.

Craig said the selectmen are beginning to establish a new budget and are making a vigorous attempt to keep it at status quo or less.

Bill Gaver showed the announcement about the Senate Bill 342 informational meeting at the Town House on December 13, 2008. He briefly spoke about the SB342 information on the reverse side of the page.

The Brookfield CC received a thank you note from Moose Mountain Regional Greenways for the payment of dues. The CC received a letter from DES granting permission for the snowmobile club to work and make repairs on a trail near Mountain Lake.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 7, 2009 at 4 PM. Doug made a motion to adjourn, John seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Lynn Kirby, Secretary