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**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 16, 2011
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Committee Members Present: Dave Connolly, Art LeClair, Kathy Spangler, Kristie Holtz, Scott Kobbe and Randy Orvis

Committee Members Absent: Jon Wood

Selectmen's Representative: Jim Horgan

Public Present: Neil Johnson and Rich Gerard

At 6:02pm, Chairman Dave Connolly opened the meeting and welcomed new members Scott Kobbe and Kathy Spangler.

1. Review of Minutes:

Jim Horgan motioned to accept the minutes of 2-9-11 as amended, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with Randy Orvis, Kristie Holtz, Scott Kobbe and Kathy Spangler abstaining.

2. BH Keith Quarterly Report:

Rich Gerard of BH Keith and Associates presented the members with a written quarterly report on the management of the French and Dubois Properties. He then stated that the timber harvest is complete and went well. It was noted that the loggers did a great job. Steve Walker completed the Easement Monitoring Report, on behalf of NH Fish and Game, and had questioned the snowmobile trail easement. Randy stated the agreement expired last year and a new agreement needs to be created and approved. It was also noted that there is no agreement with the snowmobile club on the Dubois property either.

Mr. Gerard stated their plan is to go out on the French Property when the snow melts and blaze and paint the boundary lines. Art stated that he is unsure what revenue is coming in from the timber harvesting and would like to wait on the blazing and painting until the revenue comes in and the Commission is sure they can pay for the next steps. Mr. Gerard stated that the Commission can plan between \$8,000 and \$9,000 from the harvest. Art asked if the Commission has paid any administrative fees yet and Dave replied one bill for \$1790 was paid and another for \$500 was just received. Mr. Gerard then reminded the Commission of the NH Fish and Game grants and the Moose Plate grants. He will do some research to see how much work is involved in writing the grants and will bring an estimate back to the Commission.

3. Old Business:

A. Dave reported that Anna Boudreau of the Strafford Rivers Conservancy attended a Selectman meeting to get final approval for the Whittum easement. The easement was

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approved and sent to town counsel for final approval after one small change regarding “non-wheeled vehicles.”

4. New Business:

A. Commission Elections –

Jim Horgan nominated Dave Connolly for Chairman, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jim Horgan nominated Randy Orvis for Vice-Chairman, 2nd Dave Connolly. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jim Horgan nominated Art LeClair for Secretary, 2nd Randy Orvis. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Warrant Article 11 Result –

Dave reported that the warrant to allow the timber harvesting revenue to come back to the Conservation Commission fund passed with a majority vote.

C. Berry Surveying Bill –

Dave reported that an invoice was received for \$4,026 for the Whittum Easement surveying which is below the estimated amount. *Randy Orvis motioned to allow the Chair to approve the payment of \$4,026 to Berry Surveying for the Whittum Easement survey, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*

D. BH Keith Bill –

Jim Horgan motioned to pay the \$520 invoice from BH Keith, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with all in favor.

E. Conservation Workshop –

Dave reported that there is a workshop being put on by Phil Auger on Land Protection Options from 6:30 to 8pm on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Dover Public Library. Pre-registration is required. Art and Kathy both stated they would like to participate.

F. UNH Book Offer –

Dave informed the Commission of a book entitled “The Real Dirt” is available for purchase from UNH.

G. DES Permit 2011-00257-

Dave informed the Board of the permit to change a deck to an enclosed sunroom on Camelot Shore Drive.

H. Display Board –

Dave informed the Commission that the display board is now at the Recreation Office.

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- I. Kathy stated that she has a number of trees she is willing to donate if the Commission knows of a place to plant them.
- J. Randy stated he would like to see the Commission meet with the Planning Board to discuss the Wetlands Ordinance.

The next meeting is April 13, 2011.

At 7:36pm, Kristie Holtz motioned to adjourn, 2nd Randy Orvis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Dave Connolly