

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

**Committee Members Present:** Dave Connolly, Neil Johnson, Scott Kobbe, Randy Orvis and Richard Ballou

**Committee Members Absent:** Laura Beard, Art LeClair (excused) and Kathy Spangler (excused)

**Selectmen's Representative:** Jim Horgan

**Public Present:** Rodney Thompson, Barry Elliot, Abby Pagan-Allis  
Laura Games, Sherrie Trefry and Mr. Ellis.

**1. Review of Minutes:**

*Jim Horgan motioned to accept the minutes of August 8, 2012 as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Johnson. Motion carried with Scott Kobbe abstaining.*

**2. Discussion of Possible "Community Clean Up Day" with resident Abby Pagan-**

**Ellis:** Abby Pagan-Ellis explained that her husband and herself noticed quite a bit of trash on Bay Road and contacted DPW Director, Scott Hazelton about the problem. The DPW provided trash bags, they picked up the trash and then the DPW picked the trash up. She thought it would be a great idea to organize a Community Clean Up Day and educate the community about the dangers of littering. Ms. Pagan-Ellis added that on the NH the Beautiful website there is a step by step guide to organizing a "Clean Up day." Randy asked what the predominant item of trash was and Mr. Ellis explained they found everything but the most predominant items were beer can/bottles and soda containers. Scott asked her to do some fact finding on different community clean up ideas and bring them back to the Commission.

**3. Review of NHDES Wetland App from GZA GeoEnvironmental re:PSNH**

Sherrie Trefry and Laura Games of PSNH were present to explain their wetlands application. Ms. Games explained that in order for PSNH to meet the expected electrical load gains they are planning to create a line from Rochester to Milton. This line is proposed to go through the current PSNH utility easement in Farmington (300ft). After reviewing the application Commission members noted there are no negative impacts from the project. *Randy Orvis motioned to have the Chair forward a letter to NHDES noting they did not have any concerns about the PSNH project, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*

**4. FHS 2012-13 Environmental Science:**

Dave reported that Mr. Chamberlain from FHS visited Jim Horgan and gave him a copy of the Environmental Science curriculum. Jim added that Mr. Chamberlain is interested

in working with the Commission this school year. Dave will continue to try and make contact.

**5. HB514:**

Dave informed the Commission that HB514 was signed by the Governor in June. Dave is concerned that it means the Commission cannot continue their finding of their town boundary markers as planned with Rodney Thompson. Randy stated he does not believe that is what it says and explained why. Mr. Thompson explained that he is concerned about continuing the project with HB514 on the books. Dave stated that he questioned the town administrator about this and it was suggested that the Commission request the Selectmen to send a letter to Concord explaining the concern. The members agreed to have Dave ask the Selectmen to forward such a letter.

Dave asked what the Commission would like to do about the next planned perambulation trip. The property being walked belongs to the town, Mr. Lawrence and the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). The walk is scheduled for September 23, 2012, Dave will get permission from Mr. Lawrence and SPNHF.

**6. 2012 Hay Day Review:**

It was noted that the Hay Day booth was a success again this year. The insects were a great addition though the fur/skulls materials did not seem to be as busy. For 2013, Dave asked if the Commission would like to enter the bed race. Dave also presented Scott Kobbe, as owner of Farmington Taylor Rental, a certificate of appreciation for their assistance.

**7. Camera Results:**

Dave reported that a press release went out to announce the town has successfully prosecuted two cases for littering so far this town and a third case is still pending. Neil asked how many cameras we currently have out and Dave reported seven cameras and one on back order. ***Jim Horgan motioned to purchase three cameras for the French property, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Johnson.*** Discussion followed where Neil stated he is not sure three cameras are needed on the lot. Jim explained he would like two at the landing and one over on the other side. Neil said his concern is that it is a big maintenance issue and Dave and Jim both noted they did not mind continuing the maintenance. Neil then noted that he feels the potential of abuse of the use of the cameras is a concern because people have the right to privacy. Dave noted that it is public land and privacy shouldn't be expected and the Commission's goal is to protect the conserved land. Neil stated he does not have a problem with what they are currently being used for but cautioned the Commission to be careful also. ***Motion carried with all in favor.***

**8. Any Other Business To Come Before the Board:**

**A.** Dave reported that the boundary line agreement with Mr. Hayes has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds. The other easement is being looked at through alternative town counsel per the Board of Selectmen.

Amended and accepted 10-10-12

**B.** Neil asked if the Commission was aware of the logging mess on Hornetown Road and Dave replied yes and all the appropriate agencies were notified and the situation was resolved.

**C.** Dave asked if the Commission would like to maintain their current budget for next year. Neil noted there is quite a bit of money left over and Dave explained that the Commission was unable to complete a few projects due to weather this year, plus the trees were donated for Arbor Day and some of the educational experiences the Commission talked about did not come to fruition. Neil asked if the Commission wants to point out to the Selectmen that there is \$1,000 remaining in their account that could be potentially available to cover the Fire Department on-call personnel and it was decided this would be okay.

**D.** Barry Elliot reminded the Commission that he is working on a proposal to swap land by the French Property for land directly in front of Cameron's Lawn and Garden. He will bring it to the Commission for comment when he has it ready.

The next meeting is October 10, 2012.

**At 8:21pm, Richard Ballou motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Johnson. Motion carried with all in favor.**