

# **Town of Frankestown Conservation Commission**

## **PROPOSED MINUTES**

December 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, December 10, 2007 and called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Conservation Commission members in attendance: Danforth, Hardwick, Lindgren, Shuffleton. Secretary Lindgren took the minutes.

The minutes of the 11/5/07 meeting were approved with one modification. The minutes of the 11/7/07 meeting were approved with two modifications.

### **Old Business**

1. There was a discussion of what the new 119-acre property (Tax Map 8 Lot 46) just purchased by the town might be called. Lindgren made a motion that henceforth the property should be referred to as the "Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area", a name with which all of the stakeholders involved in the project were said to be comfortable. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.
2. The access easement to the new "Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area" requires that the Conservation Commission put up a gate in the town's 50-foot-wide access right-of-way, in order to minimize unauthorized vehicular traffic to the Crotched Mountain Resort's sewage lagoon area. The Conservation Commission has also previously discussed installing another gate between 100-150 feet from the road access to 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike North, after the town's parking right-of-way, to prevent unauthorized vehicular access into the property, and to put up signs noticing that unauthorized ATV usage on the property and right-of-way is not permitted. Lindgren made a motion to install two gates and signage for up to \$600, such funds to come from the Conservation Fund, subject to authorization by Crotched Mountain Resort. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **New Business**

3. The Frankestown Land Trust has received the first Landowner Incentive Program Grant from NH Fish and Game Dept. for the Turner property on Russell Station Road (Lots 2-7 and 2-1). FLT has asked if the Conservation Commission would be interested in holding a secondary executory easement on the property. After discussion, Lindgren made a motion to accept a secondary executory easement on the property, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. The Frankestown Land Trust is soliciting donations in order to execute a conservation easement to be generously donated by Rose and Herb Bromberg on their properties located on Tax Map 3, Lots 65, 66 and 67.1, which would include approximately 13.5 acres of open space including 985 feet of frontage on Red House Road and the 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike South. In addition, the FLT is soliciting donations in order to execute a conservation easement to be generously donated by James Mellowes on his property located across the road, which would include approximately 15 acres of open space including 1100 feet of frontage on the 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike South. The FLT asked if the

Conservation Commission would endorse these projects. Lindgren made a motion to send a letter of support to FLT for these projects. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. It was noted that the bamboo-like exotic invasive species along Bennington Road near the intersection of Fisher Hill Road is reportedly being spread by the regular maintenance activities of the Highway Department. Apparently, as the brush mower passes through the infestations along the side of the road, small particles of the invader lodge in the mower teeth, and if they are dislodged later down the road the particles are capable of regenerating a new growth, which is virtually impossible to destroy short of employing a napalmesque scorched earth policy or alternative nuclear annihilation. Therefore, the Commission requests that after the Highway Department mower travels through such an infestation, the operator stop the mower and brush its teeth, in order to help prevent possible additional infestations down-the-road.
6. Crooker and Hardwick will work on the proposed newsletter. Send them any ideas.
7. Shuffleton moved to adjourn at 9:00. Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Lindgren, Secretary