

**Fracestown Conservation Commission
Proposed Minutes**

January 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Fracestown Conservation Commission was held at the lower level meeting room at the Town Office building, 27 Main Street,.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45.

Secretary Bob Lindgren was not present; minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed. As many discrepancies were noted as to what the attending members recalled about that meeting, it was decided not to amend or approve them until Secretary Bob Lindgren was present.

New Business

Briefly discussed land protection projects in the Dinsmore Brook area.

Robert Todd, surveyor and wetland scientist, made a presentation to the commission members regarding accessible trail work on Crotched Mountain being proposed by the Crotched Mountain Foundation. The trail will partly be on town – owned Crotched Mountain town forest property and because of this they need a letter of authorization for the work. Also needed is approval for wetland work done within 20 feet of the town land. After discussion and review of the plan, a motion was made by Chris Danforth to submit a letter addressed to DES acknowledging and approving the wetland work on town land, approving the work within 20 feet of town land, and also a statement of support of all dredge and fill work necessary for the entire project. Ron Reimer seconded the motion, and after a bit more discussion all voted in support of this. Hardwick will write a letter, have Chris Danforth review it, and then forward to Todd's office at PO Box 190 New Boston.

Reviewed and discussed the ZBA variance and special exception application of James Comley for wetland crossing and paved apron for road work, and it was generally agreed that it would be premature for the ZBA to approve this application prior to Planning Board approval.

Old Business

Don Crooker had the annual newsletter nearly ready to go near Christmas, but it was decided it was too near the end of the year and the holidays. It will be modified and printed in the spring of this year instead.

Other Business

There was brief discussion about the Shoreland Protection Act and April 2008 changes, and also, what if any affect that might have on any new work proposed at the transfer station. At some point in the near future we will need to look into what the reference line is in that area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Members present: C. Danforth, BJ Carbee, B. Hardwick, R. Reimer, D. Shuffleton, D. Crooker