Town of Francestown Conservation Commission

APPROVED MINUTES

June 2, 2008

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, June 2, 2008 and called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

The proposed minutes of the 5/5/08 and 5/17/08 meetings were approved as proposed.

Old Business

- 1. A final copy of the Forest Management Plan for the Shattuck Pond Conservation Area, dated April 2008, was received from Forester Ron Klemarczyk and distributed to the Board members.
- 2. The status of various potential land protection projects was discussed.

New Business

- 3. There was another lost hiker incident last week as a family from Massachusetts reached the top of Crotched Mountain, at which point they called the police for help on their cell phone. Apparently they did not want to return the way they came up. Tom Anderson and Larry Kullgren took the 4WD Police Cruiser up the cell tower access road and give them a ride down.
- 4. Chief Kullgren has floated an idea for the Board to consider as to whether the Town Forest might be used as a source of hemlock for the post and beam frame and roof trusses needed for the town's Vehicular Museum. About a dozen trees would be required. Jeff Tarr has volunteered to take down the trees and donate his skidder to transport them to the landing. Donations could cover trucking the wood to the mill and back. Freese made a motion to hire forester Ron Klemarczyk to select and mark the trees while he is involved in the previously-approved task of marking the boundaries of the Shattuck Pond Town Forest. Lindgren seconded the motion. All in favor.
- 5. The Catherine Howell estate has submitted a proposed subdivision proposal for three lots on Dodge Hill Road and Scoby Road (Maps 6-69, 6-72 and 16-5). The board discussed potential affect to the shoreland and wetlands area.
- 6. Tom Badgley of Ferson Road has asked for permission to cut several dead rotting trees about to fall down by the roadside of Lord Town Forest. The Board agreed to let him do so.
- 7. Ben Haubrich reports that vandals have broken into the kiosk at the Farrington Road Trailhead Parking Area and have taken the map. Ben replaced the broken pin and repaired the kiosk.
- 8. The summer easement monitoring walk for the Stone property is set for Sunday 7/20 at 1:00.
- 9. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:45. Lindgren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Lindgren, Secretary