

# **Town of Frankestown Conservation Commission**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

April 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, April 7, 2007 and called to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

The proposed minutes of the 3/3/08 meeting were approved as proposed.

### **Nomination of Officers**

1. Crooker nominated Hardwick as Conservation Commission Chair for the coming year. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor. Carbee nominated crooker as Vice-Chair, Lindgren as Secretary, and Reimer as Funds Manager. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Old Business**

2. Linda Kunhardt, Frankestown's member on the Piscataquog River Land Use Advisory Committee, asked if the Board would support their efforts to secure an EPA grant to update the Piscataquog River Management Plan, which was last updated in 1999. The Board voted in favor of sending a Letter of Support in support of those efforts.
3. The FLC's Turner easement abutting the Rand Brook Forest, in which the Town via the Conservation Commission holds an executory interest, has been perfected. This involved a grant of ~\$100,000 from the Wildlife Improvement Program's Landowner Incentive Plan, one of the first of such grants received in New Hampshire.
4. The monitoring report for LCHIP-supported easements was submitted for 2007. The only anomaly found was on the Stone property in the Dunscombe Easement, where it looked as if some of the wetland buffer zone had been mowed. The Board plans on re-monitoring the property in July.

### **New Business**

5. David Baldwin of Crotched Mountain Resort visited and asked the Board if it might support the creation of an educational nature trail that could be laid out from the neighboring Resort property into a portion of the Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area. Signage would be similar to that on the existing trail, and would include educational points of natural interest. The Board indicated general support for the idea. Baldwin will begin to develop a suggested plan and layout, and bring that back to the Board for its consideration. He also looked forward to discussing what policies and maintenance strategies might be developed to promote the common interests of the Resort and the Town in this area at a future meeting.
6. FLC asked if the Town, through the Conservation Commission, would be willing to hold another executory, 2<sup>nd</sup> interest in another potential easement of around 150 acres on the George Sanderson property. In discussion, the Board determined that it meets all of the Board's criteria for land protection. Lindgren made a motion to support the holding of an executory easement

on the property, conditional on the Selectmen's approval. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. There was a discussion of the Village Water Company's reputed plan to locate a third well at the FIHS Recreational Fields.
8. The Highway Dept has submitted its report on the 2007 spring floods to DES. Gary Paige is coming up with a 5 year maintenance plan.
9. Planned Earth Day Events on Saturday, May 3 include: a clean-up event, leaving from the Town Hall, where refreshments will be served. FLT will plan to offer their support. A table could be set up with various conservation publications and miscellany. A contest to find the most unusual piece of garbage discarded by the roadside will be included again this year.
10. Shuffleton moved to adjourn at 10:15. Lindgren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Lindgren, Secretary