## Town of Francestown Conservation Commission

## APPROVED MINUTES

July 7, 2008

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, July 7, 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  $\frac{6}{2}$ /08 meeting were accepted as proposed.

## **Old Business**

- 1. The boundary markings of the proposed SPNHF easement on the old ski area need to be finalized, and in some places reset. Two of the town boundaries still need to be blazed. Chair Hardwick will contact Ray Shea for changes to the plan, after which the final marking can be negotiated. The lack of a finalized copy of the ski area lease will also be investigated.
- 2. The status of various potential land protection projects was discussed.

## New Business

- 3. A rough plan of the Weiderholds' proposed 15-unit elderly housing project, with a proposed curb cut off of Pleasant Pond Road by Hiram Patch Lane, was presented by Danforth for the Board's preliminary consideration. The board asked various questions wetland setbacks, septic and well plans, Open Space easement plans and proposed trails.
- 4. The most recent water quality test at Pleasant Pond showed elevated phosphate levels. The board discussed possible non-point pollution sources. DES is performing another test shortly.
- 5. One possible source of pollution that was discussed was the PSNH utility line upgrade from last winter, which caused significant erosion along Class VI Roads and stream siltation in Deering and Weare. A multi-town meeting to discuss this will be held tomorrow in Deering Town Hall.
- 6. The summer easement monitoring walk for the Stone property is set for Sunday 7/20 at 1:00.
- 7. Trail and field work update: Chair Hardwick recently upgraded some of the trail markers on Scot's Trail, which she notes has been well-used of recent. The wildlife habitat field needs to be mowed again by Scott Carbie, and the protective wires from some of the planted trees need to be removed. Ben Haubrich notes a tree is down on one trail and has offered to cut it. The Link Trail has been cleared of briar bushes and is in good condition. Trail maintenance will be scheduled at 4:00 pm after the Stone property easement monitoring walk on 7/20.
- 8. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:30. Lindgren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Lindgren, Secretary