

**Town of Frankestown  
Conservation Commission**

APPROVED MINUTES

January 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, January 5, 2009 and called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

The proposed minutes of the 12/1/08 meeting were accepted with one modification and two additions.

**Old Business**

1. Surveyor Dennis McKenney presented the board with an overview of the proposed Palmer subdivision. He said that he believed the proposed new driveway location, which would enter from a curb cut on Bible Hill Road and then follow the contours of the hillside, crossing a wetland, to meet up with the proposed building location, would be preferable to the alternative layout of having the driveway enter from Palmer Road, and then go downhill and cross steep slopes to get to the proposed building location. The board questioned whether there might be better alternatives to the driveway locations proposed, as well as the building location proposed, that do not cross steep slopes and wetlands. The board suggested that it would be helpful to see which areas are steep slopes, and that McKenney should mark them on the plan, for example using a cross-hatch marking. The board also suggested a minimum 25-foot buffer strip from the tow of the driveway, and that it be clearly indicated on the plan.
2. The Avery Easement adjoining the Crotched Mountain Town Forest was completed and signed on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Ben Haubrich did the baseline documentation for the easement. Lindgren made a motion to reimburse Ben \$16 for expenses plus a \$50 stipend for his work, to come from the Conservation Fund. Crooker seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Forester Ron Klemarczyk has submitted an invoice for \$447 for marking the boundaries of the Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area, including one section where there are no boundary walls. Lindgren made a motion to accept and pay the invoice. Danforth seconded the motion.
4. Easements: The Crotched Mountain easement is still not yet completed. SPNHF has caused some delays, about which the Board is disappointed. The Piscataquog River Project is currently on-hold. Hardwick has volunteered to contact Monica Derr and ask if she has any issues with the proposed easement on her property, as the board would like to finalize it.
5. The status of various potential land protection projects was discussed.

**New Business**

6. A clean-up crew is scheduled for the next weekend Saturday at 9 to clean up ice storm damage.
7. The annual full moon snowshoe hike is being planned for Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.
8. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Lindgren, Secretary