Town of Francestown Conservation Commission

APPROVED MINUTES

February 2, 2009

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

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

The proposed minutes of the 1/5/09 meeting were accepted as proposed.

Old Business

- 1. Tom Carr of Meridian Land Services presented a driveway plan for the Scott Jackson property on Map 8 Lot 68, for which a variance has been applied with the ZBA, as it crosses pre-existing slopes of 25%-50%. It was constructed along an old logging road, without a driveway permit, and because no erosion control had been implemented a great deal of erosion occurred during the past year's extensive 100-year storm flooding. The proposed erosion control measures would include silt fencing, silt "sacks" (bio-logs), loam and seeding etc. as required, to be overseen by a professional such as Chris Danforth (who recused himself from this portion of the hearing). The Board voted unanimously to recommend to the ZBA that it found that 1) the proposed placement of the driveway and the location of the house site was about the best available considering the constraints of the property; 2) the erosion control plan seems adequate as long as it is constructed according to plan, and maintained according to specs; 3) the Planning Board should insert language on any notice of decision or final plan which may be filed with the Registry of Deeds noting the owner's responsibility to maintain the culverts and drainage basin, so that it is clear to future owners of the property; and 4) that a ZBA variance would be required before and paving of the driveway would be allowed.
- 2. Chris Danforth is submitting a wetlands permit application for the Pleasant Pond culvert replacement.
- 3. Two work days for the ice storm trail clean-up in the Crotched Mt. Town Forest were well-attended. Thanks to Henry & Linda Kunhardt, Ben and Robin Haubrich, Jeff Tarr and his chainsaw, Tom and Kay Anderson, and Linda Lindgren, along with Board members Hardwick, Shuffleton, Carbee and Crooker for their hard work.
- 4. The Avery easement by the Crotched Mt. Town Forest has been finalized, and Ms. Avery has been sent a thank you card. Current tally on the 2010 by 2010 challenge is 1311 acres finished 2/3rds of the way there!
- 5. Crooker moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Lindgren, Secretary