

Town of Frankestown Conservation Commission

APPROVED MINUTES

May 4, 2009

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, May 4, 2009 and called to order at 7:37 p.m.

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

The proposed minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting were accepted with two changes.

Old Business

1. The Board discussed its various perspectives on the proposed AT&T cell tower on the Pettee property by Route 136 at the New Boston border. Most Board members did not like that location because the tower would be highly visible and require 2600' of new road, cutting a large swath across the steep slopes of the glacial hillside. A new location is being investigated.
2. Various areas were identified for trail clean-up activities to repair ice storm damage.
3. Hardwick made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss a possible bid on a previously-discussed conservation opportunity in Frankestown. Danforth seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor. The Board went into non-public session at 8:35 p.m. Hardwick made a motion to come out of non-public session at 9:10 p.m. and to have the minutes remain sealed until the deal is finalized. Danforth seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.
4. The Crotched Mountain Town Forest's status as a Certified Tree Farm needs to be re-certified. Forester Ron Klemarczyk provided a list of forest management activities performed over the past years in support of the application for re-certification.
5. The status of various easement projects and protection opportunities was discussed

New Business

6. FCC Funds Manager and Town Treasurer Ron Reimer announced that he is moving to New Boston, and thus cannot continue to serve on the Board. The Board thanks Ron for his years of volunteering on the Conservation Commission, for helping with board activities, trail maintenance, land monitoring and stewardship, and especially for his inspired financial strategies and advice which made possible the Commission's ability to close on major land protection opportunities, conduct timber harvests and maintain operations over the past half-dozen years. Thank you Ron!
7. The Southern Region Planning Commission wrote to the Board seeking its support in development of a Piscataquog Watershed conservation plan. The Board states its interest and invites the Planning Commisison to present its detailed proposal to the Board.
8. The PLT also invited the Board to have its representative attend a meeting of other representatives from Piscataquog area towns to discuss their town's needs and identify opportunities to work together. Lindgren volunteered to contact them and attend.
9. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Lindgren, Secretary