

# **Town of Frankestown Conservation Commission**

## APPROVED MINUTES

December 7, 2009

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, December 7, 2009 and called to order at 7:42 p.m.

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

The minutes for the November 2, 2009 meeting were accepted as proposed.

### **Old Business**

1. Mike Dahlberg Surveying has finished the survey of the Piscataquog River Project. Scot Heath will be notified that he can now begin the appraisal, which was dependent on finishing the survey. The boundaries have been marked and monuments have been set. Crooker made a motion to pay the balance due on the survey, for which Mike Dahlberg has submitted an invoice for \$4775, to be taken from the Conservation Fund. (An initial \$3000 deposit was paid before work began). Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.
2. An application has been submitted to the Quabbin-to-Cardigan association for a grant of \$25,000 on the Chase Land Protection Project.
3. Harwick, Ben Haubrich, and Abigail Arnold will lead the visiting LCHIP team representatives on a walk through the Chase property on Friday 12/11/09 to inspect the proposed site.
4. Crooker made a motion to authorize necessary costs up to \$1000 for the Quabbin to Cardigan application for funding from the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund. Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. Brenda at SPNHF accidentally re-did the title search on the proposed Crotched Mountain easement. The Commission had already completed the same some years ago and had shared the results with her. There still remain a few glitches in the deeds, the most serious of which is that Mountain Maintenance still holds a lien on the properties. The selectmen have been asked to send a letter to Mountain Maintenance asking them to remove the liens, as per previous agreement.
6. The status of various other easement projects and protection opportunities was discussed

### **New Business**

7. New co-occurrence maps for the Piscataquog River watershed have been received as part of the updating of the regional conservation plan.
8. Fletcher Taft has offered to help the Commission to develop an updated trail brochure. He had participated in some of the Commission-sponsored walks this fall, and has volunteered to work on it with his son. Hardwick will invite him to attend a meeting with the Commission to discuss implementation strategies and plans.

9. Danforth, upon climbing Crotched Mountain on the west trail and returning via the east trail the other day, wondered if anyone had ever tried to identify how many discrete peaks there are on the Mountain.
10. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Danforth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Lindgren, Secretary