Town of Francestown Conservation Commission

APPROVED MINUTES

June 1, 2009

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, June 1, 2009 and called to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

The proposed minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting were accepted with one change. Freese moved to accept the May 4, 2009 Non-Public Meeting minutes as proposed. Carbee seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business

- 1. Ben Haubrich has been doing some ice storm damage clean-up, and says that Shannon's Trail to the summit is not in too bad shape.
- 2. Chair Hardwick has the new signs/green markers for the Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area. Scott Sanderson said that he can use the CM Resort's backhoe to dig the post holes for the gate.
- 3. The Board discussed its various perspectives on the proposed AT&T cell tower replacement on Crotched Mountain, in anticipation of the Zoning Board discussion on their application scheduled for June 4. Although the Conservation Commission has not seen any of the plans, there are significant concerns regarding the apparent request to construct an access road in the steep slope district at the top of the mountain, regarding the environmental impact and the additional erosion and impact of other vehicles that may accrue through extending the road. The CC will request that the ZBA schedule a site walk so that the plans may be reviewed on-site.
- 4. The status of various easement projects and protection opportunities was discussed

New Business

- 5. The agenda for the next programs in the Joan Hanchett Nature Series were discussed. Frank Hanchett is said to be back in town, and may be available for conservation activities.
- 6. The Fat Tire 100km Race is scheduled for August 16th, 2009. It will start and end at Oak Park
- 7. DES has approved the Shell Vacations alteration of terrain permit and storm water pollution prevention plan so that the unfinished condo's can begin to be torn down.
- 8. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Lindgren, Secretary