

**Town of Francestown
Conservation Commission**

APPROVED MINUTES

August 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, August 3, 2009 and called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

The proposed minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting were accepted with one change.

Old Business

1. Chris Danforth met with DES regarding the proposed Transfer Station improvements. Setback distances to streams are measured differently than setback distances to wetlands. As a result, the Transfer Station is not within the required Shorelands Protection Act setback area.
2. Barry Wicklow will work with Chair Hardwick on developing a Conservation Plan outline, including goals and objectives, and analysis of large unfragmented areas.
3. Another ice storm clean-up trails day was scheduled last Sunday, and about 2/3rds of the summit trail has now been cleared. The middle section was said to be a huge tangled mess of fallen trees and branches. Many thanks to Peter Bixby and Jeff Tarr who worked the chainsaws, and Robin and Ben Haubrich, Francelle and Chair Hardwick who did the cleanup.
4. The status of various easement projects and protection opportunities was discussed

New Business

5. Local environmental concerns brought to the Board's attention include a possible wetlands dumping and filling operation on Red House Road by Pettee Brook, and a pig operation on Russell Station Road.
6. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Lindgren, Secretary