

**Town of Francestown  
Conservation Commission**

APPROVED MINUTES

January 4, 2010

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, January 4, 2010 and called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

The minutes for the December 7, 2009 meeting were accepted with three changes.

**Old Business**

1. The Board decided to ask for \$30,000 in funding for the Conservation Fund in the CIP this year to finish the 2010 by 2010 effort. Currently more than 1600 acres have been protected, and other potential projects may bring the town close to 150 acres from its goal.
2. A copy of Mike Dahlberg's survey of the Piscataquog River Project was sent to the Stewarts. If the survey is acceptable, the project should be on-track. Barry Wicklow has reportedly been successful in securing another \$9000 from the Pond Foundation. Scot Heath was notified that he can now begin the appraisal.
3. The application that was submitted to the Quabbin-to-Cardigan association for a grant of \$25,000 on the Chase Land Protection Project has been recommended for funding.
4. The Board reviewed and confirmed its initial October opinions regarding the two New Cingular Wireless/AT&T Cell Tower applications before the Planning and Zoning Boards.

The Board has serious reservations over issues regarding the proposed site plan application for the Pettee property on New Boston Road/Route 136 because of the potential negative effect of cutting such a "swath" across the hillside from bottom to top, the potential negative effect on sedimentation and erosion from constructing such a long road over relatively steep terrain, the question of whether the proposed road crosses steep slopes >25%, and the impact on the viewshed.

The Board had no conservation issues or reservations regarding the proposed site plan application on Dennison Pond Road.

5. The status of various other easement projects and protection opportunities was discussed
6. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Lindgren, Secretary