CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
Meeting Wednesday, July 10, 2013
Municipal Building at 5:00 pm

In attendance:
Members: Ruth Bleyler (Scribe), Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Jim Kennedy, Doug McIlroy
Alternates:
Staff: Vicki Smith
Others: Don Ware, Public Works and Ann Adams

1. Approval of Minutes: Agenda was modified by moving approval of minutes to follow Current Business.

2. Current Business
- **Stormwater Damage at 1 Stevens Road:** Ed had invited Ann Adams to present an issue about stormwater damage on Stevens Rd. since Don Ware, Public Works, would be present. The Commissioners agreed to have her present her case even though the Commission does not have authority relative to existing culverts. Ann Adams reported that in the recent storms there was washout from stormwater being discharged on to their property via a culvert installed under Stevens Road. Don Ware responded that this is a public works issue of road maintenance and will be looked into.
- **Town of Hanover slip lining at Ruddsboro Road:** Don Ware requested the Commission's approval for an expedited permit to slip line two culverts on Ruddsboro Road closest to the municipal boundary with Lebanon. Jim spoke to DES because of his concerns that the approval process might be different with a 48" culvert and that the Town still needs to conform to stream rules. One of the culverts is perched and a slip liner will make it even higher. Because it is a stream crossing, Fish and Game should be involved. Does this work fall under routine maintenance? Because of the perched condition, there is a need to address the extension both up and downstream. The State may request more information. The Commission unanimously authorized Ed to sign the permit when the additional information is provided regarding a ramp to allow fish passage through the now perched culvert.

3. Approval of Minutes
- **April 10, 2013:** Approved with corrections regarding the Manegold property.
- **June 19, 2013:** Approved.

4. Resource Stewardship
- **Access and parking at South Esker:** Jim Kennedy and Judy Reeve are working on new trailhead designs.
- **Pleasant Street/Weatherby Slope Maintenance:** The Open Space committee selected Jim Henderson as contractor to do cut the Pleasant Street slope. Approaches to garlic mustard removal on the Weatherby slope were discussed. Vicki suggested working that area into the existing neighborhood garlic mustard pulls in the spring. Vicki was directed to write a letter to Stephen Shadford in appreciation of the work that he has done to cut

the brush off that slope and to encourage organization of the neighbors for garlic mustard pulls in the Spring.

- **Bridge at Town Forest –Goodwin Forest:** Doug described the Upper Valley Mountain Bike Association's bridge plans. The Commission approved the bridges. Permitting will be necessary since they are in a wetland buffer. Jim is checking on any DES restrictions. The Commission voted to spend $100 for materials to build the bridge.

5. **Administrative Business**
   - **By-law Changes:** Vicki provided everyone with new By-Laws to review for the August meeting.
   - **Michael Mayor is the August minutes taker**
   - **Doug McIlroy is the September minutes taker**

6. **Committee Reports**
   - **Open Space:** Workgroups cleared invasives at Rinker Pond, Steele Lot and Hayes Farm Park earlier in the day. Ed suggested a letter be written the Church Redeemer Church to thank them and to request that they give the Commission more advance notice of the work day next year so that the Commission can arrange more work sites.
   A public program featuring the work of the geologist working on the Enfield Quadrangle will be arranged as soon as his work is completed.
   - No reports from Trails and Biodiversity Committees.

7. **Other Business**
   - Vicki reported that the King Bird Sanctuary MOU between the Conservancy and Commission needs an amendment to allow replacing non-thriving plants now instead of next year. The Commission unanimously approved of that amendment.

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Bleyler, Commissioner