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**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2009**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Cindy Robertson member, Jim Walter member, John Turbyne member, Tim Johnson chair excused, Phil Fitanides member, Rob Duhaime Planning Board Rep, David Hess member excused, David Ross Town Council Rep excused,

Public Input: N/A

Meeting Minutes: Jim Walter motioned to accept the meeting minutes from October 7, 2009, John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously.

Appointments:

1266 Smyth Road – Special Exception Wetland Setback – Don Duval

Was not in attendance

Clay Pond Project Update – Dan Kern, Bear Paw –

Dan Kern Bear Paw – Let's start with getting back to the bank properties the two parcels are in the middle. Gagne survey should be done as well as the Brownstone Realty should also be done. Wiggin Property has been closed on. Murphy Strachan survey I will be picking up this week. LCHIP is looking to close the project by the end of the month. We have drafted the conservation easement and everyone has looked it over and approved it. LCHIP said they could get us a check if they have the paperwork by the end of the month in the amount of \$300,000. The other funding will be coming but it will take more time as there are more approvals that will be needed by the funders themselves.

Ignoring the transaction fees on the spreadsheet as we may need to take money out of the Conservation fund to front the cost of the project and get reimbursed by our funders.

I received an email from Julie from the Reading Cooperation in regards to the timber cut she said that there was no agreement and felt the town and Bear Paw had misrepresented the solid waste dump. She also disagreed with the term of liquidation cut of the timber on the property. I do have an email into her to try and speak with her about the timber cut. The bank does have the right to cut on their property. She does seem to think that this timber cut does not have much to do with value of the property.

Now if they do this the property is worth even less and we have all of the properties to the south and it seems to make the land even less valuable. They still have to clean up the solid waste.

This is the project as it is and we do have access to the Wiggin Property and it will be contiguous. We will continue to work on these properties.

Robert Duhamie – What can the Planning Board do to help make this project happen?
This is great stuff.

Dan Kern – The timber cut doesn't make sense but I don't think we will get a true answer from the bank regarding it. So this is where the project stands. We are drafting the LCHIP Project Agreement and will need the town attorney's seal of approval. The one thing that does need to happen will be to have the town council sign the conservation easement. November 18 is the next council meeting and we would need to be on the agenda. We are planning a January walk of the property.

We would like to have a celebration and thank the funders for their contribution. We would like to thank everyone. Jim will be Harmony's contact for the celebration planning.

Jim Walter Motioned to approve the closing of the Brown Stone Property, Gagne, and Murphy Strachan with funds from the conservation fund that will be reimbursed by our funders Phil Fitanides seconded voted unanimously.

Kiacomet Development Inc – Webster Woods – Trail Easement

We were at the Planning Board and were given a conditional approval and one of the conditions was to come and get your approval

Rob Duhamie – Frank Kotowski was adamant that there would be a 15ft wide piece of pavement from the edge of the trail would be tampered so the drop off would not be so large. The actual easement will be on the pavement.

One of the questions will be who will hold the easement whether it is the town or the conservation commission. We would have the fundamental maintenance of the trail would be the property owner but there would be an easement holder.

The Town of Hooksett is the easement holder of the Kiwanis trails.

Jodi can ask David Hess if he will be the point of contact for the easement.

Commission Reports:

- 1. Open Space Subcommittee – N/A**
- 2. Kiwanis Trails Initiative – N/A**

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

1. **Invoices** – N/A
2. **Vernal Pool Workshop** – We would like to see a draft report.

Non Public – RSA 91-A: 3, II, d

Jim Walter motioned to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, d John Turbyne seconded vote unanimously

Jim Walter motioned to exit non-public Phil Fitanides seconded voted unanimously

Motion to keep the non-public minutes sealed seconded voted unanimously

Adjournment: Jim Walter motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm Phil Fitanides seconded voted unanimously