

**Hooksett Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2011**

**Call Meeting to Order: 7:55 pm**

**Attendance:** Cindy Robertson, Tim Johnson, Phil Fitanides, Dave Hess, Steve Couture, John Turbyne, Jim Walter

**Non-public under RSA 91-A: 3, II, d**

Tim Johnson motioned to enter into nonpublic at 8:24 pm Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously

Jim Walter motioned to exit non public at 9:10pm Dave Hess seconded voted unanimously

**Public Input:** none

**Meeting Minutes:** Cindy Robertson motioned to approve the minutes June 3, 2011, Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously.

**Appointments:**

**Water Supply Land Protection Grant Program – Holly Green, DES**

Holly Green – I know you applied for and received a grant, so I know you are familiar with the application. What these grants do is protect land around water supplies. This grant round is different. There was funding for the widening of 93 and those communities that were impacted are allowed to apply for this grant. We encouraged the DOT to open this up to the Lake Massabesic water shed. Hooksett is included in this area due to Lake Massabesic. The grant only funds up 25% of the cost for purchasing land or conservation easements. Bottom line for eligibility would be an agreement with a landowner to possibly purchase the parcel of land. Also at the eligibility phase all you need is an appraisal at fair market value. I also brought to you a listing of other funding sources.

Dave Hess – The 25 % of total acquisition is that strictly the purchase price or all costs associated with the purchase? Another question is do you have to have a completed sale before the final application is sent in? A final question would be does anything beyond the signed purchase and sales agreement give you more points?

Holly Green – The 25% is total cost of the project not just towards the purchase price. You can get the grant approved before the actual purchase but you will not receive the grant until closing. I also believe it is worded that a signed purchase and sales will give you more points in the ranking process. I believe any application that you submit would have a good chance of receiving this specific grant but you must remember it has to be in the shaded area. I think that any application that is submitted in this area will be accepted. The maximum amount that this area could receive would be 33%. Hooksett, Auburn, and Candia are the only areas in the Lake Massabesic water protection area.

Also during this round Bear Paw can be the applicant for the Town as before this was not allowed. The applicant must be the conservation easement holder.

Steve Couture – We are looking at some parcels right now and the town will be the land owner but Bear Paw will be holding the easement after the fact. Is this something that is allowed with the grant we are discussing tonight?

Holly Green – You could still be the applicant. I will also look into if it is allowed to have two different applicants. You can also submit multiple applications for as many projects as you like. The money is capped at the town level as a total amount received not the amount of projects the town submits.

Dave Hess – Do you know when the grant awards would be awarded to the winner? It is stated that November 1 is the deadline.

Holly Green – This would still be subject to the Governor and Council approval and this would be stated on the determination letter. It is usually within 60 days after the final day you would receive your award.

**Commission Reports:**

1. **Open Space Subcommittee** – nothing to report
2. **Pinnacle Park & Quimby Mountain Park Planning** – The Pinnacle Park Planning committee is before the council tonight request signage for the park area.
3. **Trail Plan for University Heights Conservation Land** – nothing to report

**Correspondence:**

All correspondence was reviewed

**Other:**

1. **Elections** –
2. **Potential 5K on Old Home Day, Sep 24<sup>th</sup>** – Cindy Robertson motioned to support this run  
Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously

**Adjournment** – Cindy Robertson motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:25pm Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously