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1 **Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Paul Nickerson, Truda Bloom, and Ben**
2 **LaBrecque**

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4 D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

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6 September 28, 2010 minutes- The following corrections were suggested for the minutes of the September
7 28, 2010 public session:

- 8 1. Line 10; Replace "eastern" with "northeastern," (D. Lievens)
- 9 2. Line 31; Replace "Towell" with "Towle," (D. Lievens)

10 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 public session as**
11 **corrected. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with P. Nickerson abstaining as he had**
12 **not attended the meeting.**

13 **G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 non-public**
14 **session as written. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-1 with P. Nickerson**
15 **abstaining as he had not attended the meeting.**

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17 Higgins easement- Dick Higgins has been working towards amending the conservation easement on his
18 property at 85 Pillsbury Road (map and lot 9-85). Modifications to the conditions of the easement were
19 required to: 1) allow creation of a new lot through a subdivision on the eastern portion of 9-85 and 2)
20 create access from a Town right of way off Winding Pond Road). Both the Planning Board and Zoning Board
21 have approved the subdivision and frontage variance respectively. The LCC voted at the August 24 2010
22 meeting to accept the changes to the easement deed and recommend approval to the Town Council. Since
23 that time, the Town Attorney inquired of the State Attorney General's office whether they had any
24 objection to the changes since conservation easements are viewed as public trusts. D. Lievens reported
25 that their Charitable Trust Division considers the amendments as being a "low risk" and did not offer any
26 opposition.

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28 Town Common- D. Lievens was joined by fellow Commissioner Mark Oswald and Highway Foreman Russ
29 Pickering to discuss removal of the stumps from the recently cleared picnic area of the Town Common. It
30 was decided that the Highway Department could remove and grind the stumps.

31 The Heritage Commission, stewards of the Town Common, are meeting November 18 and will
32 discuss their approval of the picnic area. Once given, removal of the stumps can begin.

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34 Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- Surveyors hired to develop the wetland restoration plan on map and lot
35 6-113 recently discovered an issue with ownership on the property (see August 24 minutes). Town Counsel
36 forwarded the documents necessary for a resolution to the attorney of Jean Gagnon, current owner of the
37 northeastern portion of the lot. D. Lievens and M. Speltz have been in contact with the Town Attorney to
38 expedite the process and will continue to do so. It was suggested that the surveyors could begin their work
39 on the portion of 6-113 that is known to belong to the Town.

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41 Monitoring (RCCD)- D. Lievens reported that the Rockingham County Conservation District has consented
42 to take ownership of the first phase of the three Sunnycrest orchard easements and the associated
43 monitoring duties since they already own the other two phases. They asked that a baseline study be



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44 supplied and that the LCC make a one-time contribution to their management fund to finance perpetual
 45 stewardship of the easement. D. Lievens explained that the amount would be based on the acreage of the
 46 easement. In addition, they agreed to monitor a potential easement on a property discussed in the August
 47 24 non-public session, also contingent upon a baseline study and donation to their endowment.
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49 Potential easement acquisition- With regard to the potential easement mentioned above, the LCC and the
 50 property owners had agreed to split the cost of an appraisal. D. Lievens reported that McManus and Nault
 51 Appraisal Company, Inc. have given a quote of \$3,500 to perform the evaluation and will be sending a
 52 contract to the owners and the LCC. She said a report might be ready by early December.
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54 Monitoring- D. Lievens, P. Nickerson, and T. Bloom will coordinate a site walk of the Plummer easement on
 55 map and lot 8-1 to perform the annual monitoring duties. P. Nickerson and T. Bloom will schedule times to
 56 walk the Moose Hill Orchard easements as well.

57 The LCC then divided the following easements amongst themselves to monitor:
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Map & Lot	Easement name
003 161	ESTEY, 1 OF 3
003 161-2	ESTEY, 2 OF 3
003 100	ESTEY, 3 OF 3
011-040 0	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 033 2	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 033 21	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 033 21	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 023 0	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 023 0	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 039 0	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
011 039 0	GRANITE RIDGE, a/k/a AES
007 122 0	NEVINS
007 118 0	GILCREAST PROJECT
006 102 0	PLUMMER II, 1 OF 2
011 004 0 & 011 046 0	CPI/MUSQUASH
016 081 0	KAMCO - INDEPENDENCE DR
017 019 0	THIBEAULT
013 001 12	DUMONT
005 062 0	WEST ROAD ATHLETIC FIELDS
012 059 3	WHITTEMORE ESTATES
006 102A 0	PLUMMER II, 2 OF 2
015 051C 8	VISTA RIDGE
009 057 10	HIGGINS; FOREST
009 085 0	HIGGINS; AGRICULTURAL
006 052 0	WALGREENS



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D. Lievens entertained a motion to authorize the Chair to expend an amount not to exceed \$21.30 from the line item budget for the cost of 25 project jackets to be used for fieldwork associated with monitoring efforts. T. Bloom so moved. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

South Rd D+F- The Town is seeking an amendment to the Dredge and Fill permit they obtained from the Department of Environmental Services to replace a roadway culvert on South Road. Instead of using twin 48-inch pipes, the Town will be using an 8x5.5-foot box culvert instead, something which the LCC would actually prefer for wildlife migration. G. Harrington reviewed the material. There was no comment on behalf of the LCC to DES.

South Road mitigation- Members of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation will be attending the October 13 Planning Board meeting to present proposed mitigation for the widening for I-93 on South Road. Part of this effort will include the replacement of a culvert mentioned above. D. Lievens said she was planning to attend.

DRC-

1. McDonald's site plan amendment, 7-119-1:
No comments

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaye Trottier
Secretary