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Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Paul Nickerson, Truda Bloom, Ben LaBrecque, and Mark Oswald

D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. She appointed M. Oswald to vote for Mike Considine.

<u>Dog Park</u>- D. Lievens was contacted by Dog Park Committee member Deanna Mele about the possibility of locating a dog park on Town owned conservation land. She told Commissioners that she suggested map and lot 5-58-11 on Wiley Hill Road because it connects to the West Road fields. She also mentioned land behind the schools because although it may be wet in some areas, something the size of a dog park could still be appropriate. G. Harrington suggested map and lot 5-62 to the south of 5-58-11 but D. Lievens pointed out that the lot is protected because of Blandings turtles on the site. M. Oswald recommended Town owned property on Sanborn Road.

<u>Monitoring</u>- P. Nickerson, T. Bloom, and possibly M. Oswald will walk the Moose Hill Orchard easements the week of October 17, weather permitting.

D. Lievens asked for volunteers to perform the annual monitoring of the Plummer easement on map and lot 8-1. She reported that she followed up on the encroachment issue discovered last year (see November 23, 2010 minutes) by contacting the son-in-law of the owner of 8-1, Doug Johnson, who manages the property. He has resolved issues with a skating rink and a treehouse that were within the easement, but has not talked to the owner of 5 Chandler Drive who constructed a fenced in fire pit on 8-1. She asked again that he speak with the owners of 5 Chandler to have the materials removed and offered the assistance of the LCC.

<u>Musquash Walk</u>- This walk on the newly constructed White Trail took place on Saturday, October 1. D. Lievens and G. Herrmann were joined by two residents, although the weather eventually hampered the event.

Musquash Trail Day- The next trail day will occur on October 22.

<u>Higgins easement</u>- In 2010, the LCC and the Town approved an amendment to the Higgins easement on map and lot 9-85 to allow the owners to perform a single lot line adjustment. The language in the amendment restricted this ability to "only Higgins, and not their heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and subsequent title holders." Since that time, the Higgins have transferred the property into a revocable trust for estate planning purposes, to which they are the trustees and beneficiaries. Based on that fact, Town Attorney Bart Mayer



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recommended the LCC and Town approve the Higgins' letter of understanding which states that the transfer into that trust will not prohibit the Higgins from completing the lot line adjustment.

P. Nickerson made a motion that the LCC accepts the Town Attorney's recommendation to

allow the Higgins a one-time adjustment to the lot line. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was

**approved, 6-0-0.** 

<u>Ingersoll logging rights</u>- The Town Manager has written a letter to the owner of map and lot 1-1, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, asking that the logging rights on the Ingersoll easement be transferred to the Town. The intent is for logging proceeds to support the Town's stewardship efforts of conservation land. P. Nickerson asked if there was any precedent set by other towns. D. Lievens was not aware of any. She said she would contact the Town Manager.

<u>NHACC meeting</u>- D. Lievens informed LCC members that the annual meeting of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions will take place Saturday, November 5. Commissioners will be reimbursed if they choose to attend.

<u>September 27, 2011 minutes</u>- T. Bloom noted an error on line 54 of the public session minutes where "October" should read "September."

T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the <u>September 27, 2011</u> public session as corrected. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 3-0-3 with B. LaBrecque, P. Nickerson, and M. Oswald abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.

T. Bloom made a motion to approve the minutes of the <u>September 27, 2011</u> non-public session as written. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 3-0-3 with B. LaBrecque, P. Nickerson, and M. Oswald abstaining as they had not attended the meeting.

G. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

73 Jaye Trottier

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