

## Conservation Commission Minutes for Workshop/Meeting, August 26, 2014

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Susan Mooney, Secretary, opened the meeting at 6:50 pm. Other members present were Kristen Lamb, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Cheryl Smith. Lamb recorded the minutes.

### **NCC By-Laws:**

Debra Kimball, Vice Chair, arrived at 6:55, but deferred to Mooney. Kimball recorded By-Law edits on her laptop.

Sam Demeritt arrived at 6:58, and took over as Chair.

The Commission went through the Nottingham Planning Board's By-Laws, using that document as a template for writing By-Laws for the Commission. The members spent over an hour poring over the document and making changes and edits according to state statutes and the Commission's Vision and Goals adopted earlier this year. Kimball will send the edited electronic copy to Mooney, Mooney will review the edits and then send Draft #2 to the members.

The next workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16 to finalize the By-Laws and to discuss The Four Generals' Greenway.

**Meeting with the Board of Selectmen (BOS):** The joint meeting of 9- 8-14 with the BOS was discussed and plans were made to update them on all pending land projects, request an accounting of activity regarding the Conservation Fund, and to inform the public prior to the meeting so people may attend and stay current on these activities.

**Maple Ridge Housing Development:** Demeritt read a letter from Mr. Falzone, a real estate developer, that stated he will be attempting to place the entire Maple Ridge property into a conservation easement with NRCS, less a two (2+/-) acre parcel that was previously promised to a landowner. Smith made a motion to write a letter of support to the Planning Board to grant an extension on Falzone's application so that he can pursue funding through NRCS to conserve the property. Mooney seconded the motion. All six votes were in favor.

Mooney moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 pm. Demeritt seconded, all votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at that time.

Respectively submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary, using recorded minutes taken by Lamb.

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on November 10, 2014.