

**Hanover Conservation Commission  
Minutes of special meeting, June 1, 2010**

Members present: Edwin Chamberlain, Michael Mayor, Douglas McIlroy (scribe), Anne Morris, Sandra White. Staff present: Vicki Smith

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

**Draft conservation easement for Rinker and Steele properties**

Smith said the June 1 draft reflects changes arising from discussions between the Commission's open space committee and the Hanover Conservation Council's lands committee: (1) reconciling wording in the statement of purposes with that of a similar statement in a draft management plan, and (2) substituting "low-impact" for "pedestrian-type" in describing intended public use. Morris said that (2) clarified an intent not to foreclose the use of wheeled vehicles for handicapped persons or the use of trail bicycles.. .

Morris moved and McIlroy seconded that the Commission recommend the draft easement to the Select Board for their final approval. At this point Mayor arrived. The motion carried with 4 ayes; Mayor abstained.

**Draft report of joint committee for watershed management.**

The special meeting was called to give input to the Planning Board, which **was** scheduled to meet later the same day.

The draft report (attached) recommends guiding principles for the proposed Trescott Company in regard to mission, land management, governance, and community relations. Chamberlain noted that the drafting committee comprised Morris, Chamberlain and Judith Reeve from the Commission and James Hornig and Michael Mayor from the Planning Board. In addition to studying draft constitutive documents. from September 2009, they consulted with Peter Kulbacki, manager of the water company, and with the Hanover Conservation Council. Moths said that the committee was stimulated by Hornig to express what the two boards deemed important in constitutive documents that must be finalized before the proposed advent of the company in July. It is a matter of some urgency to get the recommendations in before a second round of documents is complete.

McElroy wondered whether some of the principles might be imposed by the town on its directors rather than on the company as a whole. Smith thought that could be appropriate for principles that meet resistance. White asked why the draft recommended that one town director be "conservation-minded" rather than specifically a member of the Commission or Council as she recalled the Commission had urged before. Chamberlain said this "softer" position was deemed less likely to raise opposition. Chamberlain noted also that the recommended policy of sustainable forest management aligned better with goals of both the Commission and Peter Kulbacki than did management for timber per the draft constitutive documents. .

McIlroy moved and White seconded that the Commission approve the draft report and forward it to the Planning Board and the Select Board. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR WATERSHED MANAGEMENT\*

Recommendations for Inclusion in the Documents Establishing Management of the  
Trescott Company Watershed Lands  
May 28, 2010

1. Mission Statement

- a. The primary purpose of the Trescott Company is the maintenance of the watershed so as to guarantee protection of the quality and quantity of Hanover's public water supply.
- b. Management of the watershed shall reflect the policies and recommendations of Hanover's Master Plan.

2. Management Policies

- a. The land shall be managed to sustain water quality and quantity.
- b. The forests shall be managed for long-term sustainability of the forest ecosystem.
- c. No land under the ownership of the Trescott Company shall be sold without a vote of approval by the Town voters.
- d. The land shall be gradually and carefully opened to the public for passive recreational activities that do not compromise water quality.

3. Governing Board

- a. The governing board shall be made up of six members; three of whom are appointed by Dartmouth College and three others appointed by the Town of Hanover.
- b. The governing board shall consult with the Director of Public Works or manager of the municipal water company before proposing significant changes to land and forest management practices.
- c. One of the Town's members of the Trescott Board shall be a conservation minded member of the Hanover Community - such as a member of the Hanover Conservation Council, the Hanover Conservation Commission or one of their volunteers.

4. Community Relations & Public Information

- a. The governing board shall have a public meeting and make a public report on its business at least annually.
- b. Documents prepared for and by the Trescott Company shall be made available in a timely manner to the Town and its citizens.

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\*Appointed by the Hanover Planning Board and the Hanover  
Conservation Commission

Members of the Joint Committee:

Conservation Commission--Edwin Chamberlain (Chair), Anne Morris and Judith Reeve

Planning Board--James Hornig, and Michael Mayor (also member of the CC)

Prepared by: Edwin J. Chamberlain - May 27, 2010

Revised by Vicki- May 28, 2010