

Approved: 9 January 2008

**Hanover Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
December 12, 2007**

**Present:** Judy Reeve (Chair), Anne Morris, Ed Chamberlain, Doug McIlroy, Robin Carpenter (recording); Bill Baschnagel (Select Board), Vicki Smith (staff); Barbara McIlroy, Tom Linell, Nina Banwell, Elizabeth Tobiasson

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

1. Barbara McIlroy was recognized for her many contributions to Commission activities and programs, and her recent award from the New England Wildflower Society. CC Chair Judy Reeve read a salutation and Bill Baschnagel offered a Hanover Tip of Hat from the Select Board.
2. Barbara McIlroy reported that permissions are in hand for Mink Brook invasives removal, but the project will have to wait for spring. She also suggested it would be good to undertake an inventory of wildlife habitat along the Route 120 corridor. Ed Chamberlain will contact Bob Norman, to contact Nicole Corman to plan and/or coordinate with Lebanon.
3. Tom Linell (a) reported at a meeting of the Conti Refuge at the Montshire Museum there was proposal to form two environmental units, one of which would be a "Mascoma Unit" encompassing the Mascoma River watershed; (b) proposed a parking area near the intersection of Old Dana Road and Ruddsboro, and possible hiking trail up the Dana Tract to Moose Mountain; (c) raised the issue that there is no No-Hunting posting to the Dana Tract. The Commission approved of the parking area, with Vicki designated to contact Peter Kulbacki. The Commission authorized Tom Linell to place several No-Hunting signs along the Dana Tract boundary.
4. Judy Reeve reported on her site visit regarding the Wuistingler administrative permit. The Commission approved several suggestions (silt fence, open spoil protection, erosion control mats) to be passed to Judy Brotman.
5. Judy Reeve reported a meeting of the Hanover Recycling Committee Dec 10, expanding its mission to educate and motivate recycling and sustainability in the Town. Lynn Miller is chair.
6. Judy Reeve reported on correspondence received from Goose Pond Landowners Association and NH Lakes Association.

7. Anne Morris reported for the Open Space Committee that the Dogford Road easement and the Simpson easement processes are still underway.
8. Doug McIlroy reported for the Trails Committee that Youth-In-Action has done a substantial project replacing steps etc in the Mink Brook Preserve; there will be a Select Board hearing Dec 17 regarding Old Spencer Road; Doug will talk with Jonathan Edwards re hiring John Taylor. Vicki says Dr. Baker wants to thin vegetation on Town land along his driveway; the matter is referred to Balch Hill Management Committee.
9. Vicki Smith reported for the Wetlands Committee that there was a presentation to the Planning Board Tuesday night, and the Board referred questions to Wetlands Committee.
10. Anne Morris reported that the Rural Committee is advancing a proposal to amend rural zoning, consisting essentially of an overlay district protecting ridgelines, steep slopes and agricultural soils. The Committee is meeting next on Monday Dec 17, and reporting to the Select Board on Tuesday.
11. CC meeting minutes of November 14 were briefly reviewed. Amendments are to be forwarded to Vicki by 4:00 Thursday Dec 13 for approval next month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37

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