

Approved: 13 January 2010

**HANOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2009**

Present: Judy Reeve (chair), Michael Mayor, Doug McIlroy, Ed Chamberlain, Sandy White, Anne Morris (recording), Vicki Smith

Public: W. Spaulding

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m., one day later than originally scheduled because of a snow storm.

Spaulding Permit Mayor, Morris, McIlroy and Smith were at the site visit on Dec. 7.
Motion: to send a note to the ZBA in support of the application (moved by Mayor, seconded by Reeve – passed unanimously).

Eagle Scout Project The previously proposed project was not deemed to be large enough, so the Scout Master has reassigned the candidate to work at The Haven.

Vegetation Management Policy The commission would like addition of a statement about clearing views, and reformatting some text into bulleted items. Vicki will do this.
Motion: to approve the policy with the noted modifications (moved by Reeve, seconded by Chamberlain – passed unanimously)

CRJC There was no report and no action taken on this item.

Natural Resources Inventory

Motion: to pay Rick van de Pol's bill of \$4,800 (moved by Reeve, seconded by White – passed unanimously).

The commission would like to have van de Pol make a joint presentation to Hanover and Lebanon when the information he is gathering for Lebanon becomes available. The Hanover Planning Board should be a joint sponsor.

LA Suncook's inventory is finished. The commission would like to see a presentation in January or February. The Conservation Council should be invited.

Water Company Land A Natural Resources Inventory is underway. Who is doing it?

The commission discussed future options for conservation. The commission may send a letter to the Select Board requesting that the chairperson of the commission be appointed to the Trescott Board of Directors, or, alternatively, the chairperson of the Hanover Conservation Council, or their representative.

Open Space Acquisition

Motion: to close the meeting for discussion of a possible open space acquisition (moved by Reeve, seconded by Morris – passed unanimously).

Motion: to enter into a Purchase and Sale agreement, not to exceed \$205,000, subject to required approvals. (moved by Chamberlain, seconded by Mayor – passed unanimously)

Hazard Tree: A neighbor at 87 Lebanon Street says a hazard tree is threatening her back yard. Bill Desch is not sure. The estimate for removal is \$1200.

Tanzi Tract Surveying This survey is now complete.

Easement Work All properties have now been visited, and all fieldwork is complete. The next step is to begin the baseline data writeups.

Hovey Lane to Currier Place Path McIlroy met with the neighbors, and will send a report of the meeting to commission members. Vicki is getting an estimate of the cost of removing the Gilberts' compost pile, which the Gilberts will pay for.

Upper Valley Loop Trail The commission indicated preference, as requested, for a sign with bikers only (not pedestrians).

Trails Map Copies of the Trails Committee's new map were distributed.

Baseline Documentation Form A few edits were suggested, which Reeve will incorporate.

Motion: to approve the form as edited (moved by Reeve, seconded by Mayor – passed unanimously)

Gile Tract McIlroy suggested a boardwalk rather than a filled path for the as-yet-to-be-constructed route through the interior boulder field. Alternatively, the route could be abolished from the plans. The commission could look at it in the spring, but contact should be made now, before construction might start. McIlroy will contact the contractor individually to suggest the change.

Monitoring Vicki described a variety of conditions she found in the easement areas at Mulherrin.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: to accept the minutes of the Nov. 11, 2009 meeting as edited (moved by Reeve, seconded by Chamberlain – passed unanimously)

Rezoning Work A Planning Board subcommittee will hold a series of four meetings to consider rezoning in different neighborhoods. The first will be in January to look at options for the Goose Pond area.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.