

# TOWN OF BENNINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of the Meeting – August 23, 2007

Conservation Commission members present were: Chairman Joe MacGregor, Letitia Rice, Dennis McKenney, John Manley, Ken Cloutier, and Val Germain.

### Agenda Items:

- 1. Meeting Minutes**
  - 2. Correspondence**
  - 3. UNH Conference**
  - 4. Bruce Edes Annual Walk**
  - 5. Future Bruce Edes Forest Plans**
- 1. Meeting Minutes** - Minutes from the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed and approved as written.  
The Commission discussed the need for minutes to be reviewed at each meeting for accuracy and then approved. A copy of the minutes should be sent via e-mail to each Conservation member prior to the monthly meeting as well as sending a copy to the Town Administrator to be posted on the Town's website.
  - 2. Correspondence** – Chairman MacGregor received correspondence from the following:
    - a.** A copy of the application sent to DES by the Town of Bennington to replace the waterline on South Bennington Road
    - b.** A copy of the wetland permit issued for the 89 Concord St. LLC project. The permit stated that the owners could proceed with the project as long as there was compliance with the 13 stipulations and eight general conditions stated in the letter.
    - c.** A copy of a letter regarding the repair of the Papermill's dam on the downside of the power plant
    - d.** A notice of the Annual Watershed Conference to be held at the NHTI in Concord on November 17, 2007.
  - 3. UNH Conference** - CC members Ken Cloutier and Dennis McKenney attended a conference on perambulation of town boundaries. Dennis reported that a Town's selectmen and any representatives from the Town are required to perambulate town lines once every seven years and generate a written report. At the conference, attendees learned about the NH GRANIT Web Site, which provides access to New Hampshire's statewide geographic information system (GIS).

The Conservation Commission's task is to collate all town perambulations and work with the Town's appointed representatives to perambulate the town boundaries and recognize common boundaries. Dennis has a copy of the town's original charter to use for

perambulation purposes. At the next CC meeting, Dennis will bring in the town line perambulations for the Bennington/Antrim line.

**CC Action Plan:** Set up a meeting with the Town of Antrim to perambulate town line this fall.

4. **Bruce Edes 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk** – The walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to start at the VFW. Chairman MacGregor will invite the Edes family. Val Germain will make flyers for the event and post them in Antrim and Bennington.
5. **Future Bruce Edes Forest Plans** - Future projects for the forest include:
  - a. Kathleen Bigford from GBS would like to work with ELP students to research and conduct a survey of the land to create a GIS map
  - b. Create a plant identification guide
  - c. Conduct research on the history of the stonewall.

Chairman MacGregor will contact Kathleen Bigford at GBS to discuss future projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Germain