

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

January 12, 2010

The meeting convened at approximately 10 am.

Attending were: Bruce Bond, Chairman; Maureen Criasia, K(a)rin Karagozian, Harry Viens, and JoAnn Wood, Secretary. Randy Mattson, bearing to-die-for peanut butter cookies, represented the Board of Selectmen.

I. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved with only minor wheezing from Ms Karagozian.

II. The Commission was brought up to date on

A. The Planning Board. Harry reported that

- Brian Allens's application to rebuild his pond was approved
- The Board was currently reviewing minor boundary adjustments related to the Dane Forest – i.e., involving the Halsey's driveway and a slight reconfiguration of the 5-acre parcel that is to be sold off. A notice is going out to all abutters for the Feb. 2 meeting.

B. The Energy Committee. Harry reported that

- The EC was applying for grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Randy was to process the application)
- A warrant article will be put to voters to establish an Expendable Trust Fund to cover such costs as, for example, the Jordan Institute recommendations and, importantly, to enable the town to respond in a timely fashion to grant opportunities as they arise.

C. The Dane Forest Project.

- The commission again unanimously approved spending \$200,000 from the Conservation Fund towards the purchase of a secondary easement on the Dane Forest parcel. LRCT and SLCS will need the town's check by the March closing. Randy will confirm with the town's attorney that we can make the check out to anon-profit organization.
- A number of people from surrounding towns have expressed interest in learning how the town worked with LRCT and SLCS. The commission discussed various options, including holding a special meeting and inviting

Roger LaRoche and Don Berry to present the process. No decision was made.

- Finally, the commission was brought up to date on the status of the Maggi fields. At the time of the meeting, about \$75,000 of the necessary \$150,000 had been raised.

III. The Commission turned to on-going activities:

A. Permits and applications.

- The Beverside subdivision Dredge and Fill application. The town had approved the application and subsequently discovered that DES had found significant violations. The roads will be modified rather than rebuilt, but this emphasizes the importance of bonds.
- Alison Fry Cabot has received CSPA approval to replace the existing structure on her Squam property with a new one.

In both cases - and in many the Commission has discussed in prior meetings - permissions had been granted by CSPA/DES before the we had even seen the applications. Consequently, there was a general venting of frustration at the commission's powerlessness in weighing in on questionable applications. Most importantly

- Are we receiving permit applications in a timely fashion?
- Should the commission bring this up with the NHACC?

Randy will get Janet Kimble to send email notification to all of us to get notification of those applications that come in before they go to DES. Further, JoAnn volunteered to get in touch with Carol Andrews of the NHACC to see if other commissions are experiencing the same frustrations. Specifically,

- Are we or are we not supposed to have any input on CSPA applications?
- Do we have any role at all in protecting our shoreline? Or do we have to leave it all to the CSPA, which appears to be quite lax.
- Do Wetlands and CSPA coordinate at all?

B. The Annual Report. Bruce passed out his draft annual report and requested any changes/corrections as soon as possible.

C. Membership. K(a)rin reported that Jan Hooper had no immediate interest in joining the commission, although she might be available for special projects. Jan also mentioned that a water-gardening expert is going to be advising the town in the spring. A general, if forlorn, request was made to all commissioners for next month's meeting: to come up with names of potential younger candidates.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood
Secretary