

**MINUTES OF THE  
CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**May 4, 2010**

The meeting convened at approximately 10 am.

Attending were: Bruce Bond, Chairman; Maureen Criasia, Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, and JoAnn Wood, Secretary.

Randy Mattson of the Board of Selectmen  
Rick van de Poll, Principal, Ecosystems Management Consultants, LLC.  
Chris Johnson

**I. The minutes of the April 6 meeting were read and approved as amended** (it being snarkily implied by some commissioners, who shall remain nameless, that H.S.\* is a lousy proof-reader).

**II. Rick van de Poll presented two draft *Co-occurrence maps***

A. The preliminary Composite map, which shows all elements making up the Natural Resources Inventory

B. The preliminary Co-occurrence Analysis, which combines, layers, and sets number values according to stated Town priorities to the above data. In this way,

- Areas of maximum NR interest are readily seen and can be weighed against
- Current use and/or the Town's Master Plan (e.g., the data already show disturbing spots where commercial development has encroached on areas rich in natural resources) Could the Master Plan, now in development, work to avoid further development in these sensitive areas in the future?

The commission authorized Harry-the-designated -warrior to take the maps along to the Planning Board meeting to begin that sort of discussion.

**III. Chris Johnson brought the commission up to date on his lack of progress in getting a DES waiver to cut down an immature pine stand on his property abutting the Perkins-Johnson wetland** (see the April 6 minutes). Thus far, DES does not appear able or willing to deal with this and/or his e-mails (one of which contained relevant portions of our April minutes) and telephone calls. As he had just received a

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new communication from his DES contacts, the commission decided not to intervene again at this point.

#### **IV. Updates**

A. The Planning Board. Knight Harry reported that work on the Master Plan continues – in particular on the land-use portions

B. The Energy Committee. EVH.\* reported that the committee is currently reviewing Jordan Institute's proposed projects against estimated costs.

**V. Permits/Acquisitions.** The Mulcahy alteration of terrain application to DES again came under considerable discussion

- Randy states she was certain she'd seen a letter from the engineers stating to DES that a copy had been submitted to the Town
- The commission agreed that it was important to ensure that this application not fall through the cracks
- EVH agreed to bring the matter up at the Planning Board meeting.

#### **VI. New Business.**

A. Randy reported the legal bill for the Center Harbor Woods project of \$940.00. A motion was unanimously approved to request the treasurer to pay the bill out of the conservation fund

B. Regarding a contribution to SLCS in honor of Ellen Bennett, the commissioners agreed to make individual donations on Ellen's behalf as it is illegal to use town monies for private purposes.

C. New Members. In our never-ending and thus far futile search for new blood, the commission agreed to approach Shelley Caney and Jesse Foley.

And with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood, Secretary

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\*Ever Valiant Harry

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