

**MINUTES OF THE  
CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**May 12, 2009**

The meeting convened at 10 am.

Attending were: Bruce Bond, Chairman; Ellen Bennett, Maureen Criasia, Helen Heiner, Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, and JoAnn Wood, Secretary. Randy Mattson represented the Board of Selectmen.

Roger LaRochelle of the Squam Lakes Conservation Society(SLCS) joined the meeting at approximately 10:30 to discuss certain land conservation issues.

**I. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.**

**II. The Commission received updates on**

A. The Planning Board. Helen reported regarding:

- The Music Festival.
- - The town has formally entered into contract with the Festival's revised plans and, assuming DES has approved the terrain alteration application, work should begin soon
- - The major issue from her point of view is that of follow up: who should be in charge of overseeing adherence to agreed-on work and what should be the reporting arrangement. Randy pointed out that virtually all town departments have had a stake in how the Festival plans have developed and is certain Fire, Police, etc., will be keeping a beady eye on the work as it progresses. Maureen suggested some sort of regular written inspection report.
- - Looking ahead, Helen suggested the town use it's experience in working with the Festival as an example of how major developments should be handled. Karin further pointed out that the citizenry of Center Harbor should be made aware of how effectively town departments can be made to work
- The Maggi property. The Maggis have presented plans for expanded facilities at their new B&B to include 'event' accommodations, such as tents and parking
- Center Harbor's new ice cream parlor. A new ice cream shop has been proposed to fill the space next to Bella's Beads. A gentle lowing of approval was heard throughout the committee room.

B. The Energy Committee. Harry, looking wan and shattered, mentioned that EC activities verged upon the extremely subtle – so subtle, in fact, that it was difficult to detect any forward motion. Helen suggested the EC be represented on the Planning Board. Randy will propose this at the next SB meeting. Harry, ever a glutton for punishment volunteered.

**III. Roger LaRochelle joined the meeting to discuss several conservation matters.**

A. Kimball Island. He presented the 2008 monitoring report to the Commission

B. Land under consideration for conservation. Negotiations are proceeding with several parties to place substantial amounts of land into conservation. Should these plans bear fruit, Roger would request the Town to participate financially (well within the means of the current Conservation Fund). The Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) would ‘own’ the property and the Town and the SLCS would hold joint easement. This land would be for the enjoyment of the Town residents.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood,  
Secretary