

**MINUTES OF THE  
CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**September 8, 2009**

The meeting convened at 10 a.m.

Attending were: Bruce Bond, Chairman; Ellen Bennett, Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, and Jo Ann Wood, Secretary. Randy Mattson represented the Board of Selectmen.

**I. The minutes of the August meeting** were read and approved – although there was a certain amount of avoidable snickering and flap doodle over the use of the word ‘waft’. Consequently, sighs will no longer waft\*.

**II. The commission was up-dated on:**

A. The **Planning Board** – in particular, Harry reviewed

- Several permits/acquisitions that were of interest to the PB and which were approved by Ken Balance
- Progress of the Master Plan ‘vision’ – specifically land use planning
- The ‘cease and desist’ sent to the Maggis until they receive their C of O.

B. The **Energy Committee**. Harry, quickly changing hats, discussed

- Progress on soliciting RFPs for an energy audit of town buildings. It looks like the Jordan Institute has submitted the lowest bid and it is hoped the audit will be carried out by the end of November so that anticipated costs can be included in next year’s budget
- Editing down the 40-page energy-saving tip sheet for inclusion in both the Master Plan and in all future permit/application permissions. Harry plans to concentrate on those steps involving primarily behavioral actions.

C. The **Prime Wetlands/NRI** projects. In particular, the commission reviewed Rick Van de Poll’s revised maps

- It was agreed that the maps should be laminated and that, finally, some way

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- So much for artistic license.

should be found to get them up on the wall. It was also suggested that they go onto the town website

. Several corrections were noted and Bruce agreed to contact Rick and invite him to the next meeting

- Town limits need to be more clearly identified
- Some categories (e.g., land in actual agricultural use) need to be checked
- Definitions need clarification

**III. The Dane forest project.** The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the public hearing, scheduled for September 24 at 7 p.m.

A. The commission drafted, after much pulling of hair, the text of a public announcement

B. At the meeting

- Roger LaRoche and Don Berry will present the case for the project
- The public will be given time to comment for and against
- Bruce Bond will summarize
- The public portion of the meeting will close and the commissioners will vote.

C. Issues that might come up in the public hearing are anticipated to include

- The question of existing tax revenues that might be lost
- Implications for future tax revenues
- Lost hunting rights

And that carried the commission to the end of the meeting. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood  
Secretary