

**MINUTES OF THE
CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

September 16, 2008

The meeting convened at 10am.

Attending were: Bruce Bond, Chairman; Ellen Bennett, Maureen Criasia, Karin Karagozian, JoAnn Wood, Secretary, and Randy Mattson, SB representative and Alternate. Mr. Bond read Stu Garden's letter of resignation and the committee briefly discussed possible new members. It was agreed that we would again approach Jan Hooper. Maureen Criasia volunteered to take over Mr. Garden's projects. Randy said the SB would write an official letter of thanks to Stu.

I. The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved without corrections.

II. On-going business.

○* Energy Committee update. JoAnn Wood and Randy Mattson reported briefly on last month's Energy Committee meeting. The main points of interest to the CC were:

- - Plans to reinvigorate the public service announcements and website
- - Immediate efforts to solve several energy-waste problems in the firehouse
- - The EC's scheme to have a one-day light bulb giveaway on November 4.

○ Permits and applications. Only one piece of activity was reported for the past month: The LeBaron's application was finally approved by DES.

○ Hazardous Waste. Maureen reported that the two hazardous waste days again went to capacity – a good use of the \$967.00 required to set the program up. She asked however if this project should remain within the bailiwick of the CC or be graciously handed over to LRPC. Maureen will report annually to the CC and SB.

III. Progress-to-date on the Prime Wetlands and NRI Projects.

- Regarding the PW project, two contractors (including Rick van de Poll) responded to Mr. Garden's RFQ. The CC agreed to grant the contract to DR. Van de Poll as his was by far the least expensive bid. Mr. Bond will prepare a contract for the work, the contract to specify scope of work, time frame, and a schedule of payment

* Yet again, your humble secretary's formatting mess-up troll is alive and well

- Regarding the NRI, Mr. Bond will send out at least three RFQs to obtain ballpark figures to be included in a Warrant Article for Town Meeting '09

IV. The Town Forest project. Randy reported on her conversations with Roger LaRoche of Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS). Roger has suggested a steering committee to pursue this opportunity consisting of members from SLCS, LRCT, Center Harbor, and perhaps, someone from the immediate neighborhood. Randy will keep on top of this. Additionally, the CC agreed to take such further measures as:

- A survey of other local towns to get a sense of what lands were put into conservation and whether the town organized these acquisitions or donors gifted the lands
- A paragraph in the town newsletter extolling the advantages of a town forest and, if possible, citing some of the information acquired from the above survey.

V. Warrant Articles for TM '09. After considerable discussion, the CC agreed that three warrant articles would be submitted at Town Meeting '09. In them, we would request approval for:

- Allocating most of the CC funds for purchase of the proposed town forest, but setting aside sufficient money to pay for
- The NRI project
- Clarifying future funding and dispersal of the conservation fund.

It is our understanding that the selectmen will write these warrant articles.

VI. New business. Bruce updated the CC on the Snake River land currently in play. Although this land does not fall within town limits, it is of obvious concern.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45am. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood
Secretary

