

Thornton Conservation Commission

Minutes from March 5, 2007 meeting 6:30 Thornton Town Hall

Attending were Sally Davis, Steve Shaughnessy, Cathy Duffy and Timmee Whitmore

1. Minutes from February 5th meeting were accepted after fixing one grammatical error. Minutes from October 2, 2006 were accepted. Worked on the minutes from December 2006. Timmee will finish them and email to all members for approval.

2. Info Seminars:

- UNH Coop Extension: Landscaping at the Waters Edge. March 27-28. Northwood, NH www.events.unh.edu/register.shtml?event_id=2767
\$125 before March 17th, \$150 after
- NH Fish & Game Dept and NH Coop Extension is sponsoring:
NH Wildlife Action Plan and Landowner Incentive Program. Sat 3/31, 5/5, 6/2 in Lancaster, NH
- Prescott Farm Audubon Center 366-5695 ongoing series:
Laconia / Lakes Region Smart Growth Program Series
Sally will share the brochure that Cathy brought with the planning board

3. Mail

--The DES sent a letter about a Data Check Tool to determine if rare or exemplary species are in the proximity of a proposed project. Beginning January 16th, it will be available online at www.2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/
The NHB (Natural Heritage Bureau) maintains and distributes info on the states rare plants, wildlife, & exemplary natural communities. NHB in partnership with NH Fish and Game Dept. and the DES developed this Data Check Tool.

-- Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application

From: Robert Hayes Estate dated: 2/15/07
Location: High Point Subdivision, James Powers Inc.
“to construct a road for residential subdivision”

--Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application

George Vela Wildlife Pond dated 2/25/07
Location: Champion’s Way (in Waterthorn)
“to construct dugout wildlife pond”

-- Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application

From: Marianne Peabody dated 2/24/07
Location: 3356 US Route 3
“Temporary Bridge for access to construct pond outside brook / wetlands”

4. Sally will be prepares to describe her research into a (rumored) existing conservation fund at the Town Meeting. Steve agreed to address any questions about the NRI.

We will all have Cathy’s handouts on-hand to help with any discussion from the Town regarding our request for a percentage of the Land Use Change Tax. This includes info from Thornton’s Master Plan, the costs of other town’s NRIs, and other information regarding farmland (only 7% statewide), open space benefits, etc

5. Cathy's letter to the editor from the Thornton CC about our proposed warrant articles was published in the Record Enterprise this past issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20