

# Thornton Conservation Commission

## Minutes from December 3, 2007 meeting 6:30 Thornton Town Hall

Attending were Sally Davis, Steve Shaughnessy and Timmee Whitmore

1. Approved November 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Neither Steve nor Timmee receives Sally's email containing October's minutes. She'll resend them to Steve for approval.
2. We need to ask Candy a few questions: (*Sally agreed to ask Candy these questions*)
  - does the town clerk need their own copy of the CC minutes or does emailing them to Beverly Chappel and her subsequent posting on the Town website suffice?
  - are we posting the minutes within the legal time limit or should a draft copy be posted until the minutes are approved at the next month's meeting?
  - there is an item on the town budget that refers to "Map and Update" with a \$3000+ expense – Are these maps similar to the maps for Thornton's NRI and could we share expenses?
  - who approves the budget *and* can a single expense be opened for discussion and disputed at the town meeting?
3. Candy mailed a memorandum re: Budgets for 2008. The Thornton CC is not on the scheduled agenda. Sally will ask that we are added to the 1/9 date to review our budget. We have no recorded expenses to date. Sally will turn in a request for mileage and reimbursement for the NHACC Annual Meeting. Steve will consider turning in mileage for some of his workshops, if appropriate.
4. We discussed the money needed for the NRI and the best way to ask for it:
  - 1) request the lump sum for our 2008 budget (depends on estimates, approximately \$10,000). The question is who approves the budget and can one item be discussed at the town meeting or do the selectmen have the final approval?
  - 2) try another Warrant Article at the town meeting asking for more of the Land Use Change Tax and a higher cap---the answer seems to hinge on how many estimates we receive before the deadlines to back-up our requests. If we decide on the warrant article, we would like to have an NRI contractor speak at the meeting about what is involved in the NRI and what the Town receives for the money.
5. Sally will send (or email) a letter of inquiry for NRI estimates to the list of contractors supplied by SPNHF.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45