

# Thornton Conservation Commission

## Minutes from May 5, 2008 meeting 6:30 Thornton Town Hall

Attending were Sally Davis, Steve Shaughnessy and Timmee Whitmore  
Nancy and Frank Benham (Thornton residents)

1. Approved April 7th minutes without changes.
2. We had 2 residents of Thornton interested in the Conservation Commission in attendance. Nancy and Frank Benham have been reading out minutes online. During the meeting we discussed several things with them and tried to answer their questions. Topics included - what the responsibilities of the CC are, what a NRI is and what the expected cost may be, information regarding permit applications, reviewing information included in the minutes from April 7<sup>th</sup>, impact from development on wells and habitat, the Wildlife Action Plan, the North Country Council
3. Sally received an email from the DES to tell her exactly how to access permit application status online. The NHDES Wetlands Bureau has updated a series of Wetlands Application Decision Reports at <http://m1e.net/c?80403452-8NCrTqLbW.DuE%403289010-qAai/X1tDrIKs>  
She looked up File #2006-00020 and found that the action taken was “DENY PERMIT-INSUFFICIENT & UNTIMELY RESP”.
4. Timmee will email Beverly Chappel about the possibility of adding a section to the CC page on the town’s website. We would like to post links to websites that we find have useful and interesting information.
5. Sally has volunteered to help with upgrading the Town Master Plan. Part of this will be the questionnaire sent to all residents. We quickly reviewed results from 1988 and 2003. She’s looking for input on new questions that should be included in the new mailing. Frank suggested asking local special interest groups, such as the historical society or a garden club, for suggestions. Frank thought to contacting the NHACC to ask them for suggests for the questionnaire. Perhaps contact other towns to ask what information helped with their town planning. Steve found a section in the NHACC Handbook referring to master plans. Sally thought were would be a notice in the newspaper soon asking for volunteers for this project.
6. Frank told us about a certification program offered by the Nat’l Wildlife Federation. They offer certification of backyards, neighborhoods, towns, states, etc. (It would be great to have a link to this program on our webpage) He also suggested contacting Hubbard Brook about our NRI, perhaps they have some connections or info that would help– Sally will ask Ralph Perron.
7. No mail this month but Steve shared with us some fun info from NH Non-game Wildlife. One sheet was all facts and pictures of turtles, including the Blandings Turtle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10