

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2012**

The Conservation Commission held a meeting on February 28, 2012 in the Lakeville Town Office Building. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Bouchard at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Robert Bouchard, Joseph Chamberlain, Linda Grubb and Martha Schroeder. Sarah Kulakovich, associate member and Tara Martin, Conservation Agent were also present. Emery Orrall, chairman and Jennifer Jewell, recording secretary, was absent with prior notice.

Upon motion made by Member Grubb and seconded by Member Chamberlain the Commission

VOTED: To change the order of agenda items, taking procedural issues first. Unanimous vote.

**Meeting Minutes**

There was a review of the minutes from the October meeting. It was stated that due to attendance questions and unclear issues the minutes will be resubmitted and reviewed when the secretary is present to clarify. Concern was voiced regarding the lack of available minutes on the website. It was decided that minutes from the most recent meetings will be given top priority, and outstanding work being done as time allows. There was discussion regarding the impact of limited office hours and it was noted that the secretary for the Board of Selectmen is responsible for posting minutes to the town website. The Commissioners will be responsible for meeting minutes at the second meeting of the month.

**Orders of Conditions**

There was discussion regarding the issuance date for a recently completed Order of Conditions. Concern was voiced regarding possible compliance problems if issuance deadlines are not met. Possible preventative measures were discussed, such as an additional white board and implementation of a special file cabinet for current projects. It was decided that the clerk would add an additional column to the file spreadsheet with date of issuance for all orders of conditions as this spreadsheet could be made accessible online for Commissioners.

**Conservation Corner**

It was agreed that several columns will be done in advance so that they can be presented to the Commission for review prior to their submittal in the Middleboro Gazette. Future columns will educate the public as to the role and importance of the Commission. Member Rasa will remain the point of contact for this column. The March article has been written and Ms. Kulakovich will draft the April article. In May the Commission will use MACC materials to explain the role of the Commission. The Commission favored the use of a salamander as the column's logo and will discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

There was a brief discussion regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was noted that while some of the planned events may not take place there is still potential for a canoe trip in June 2012, provided both Chairman Orrall and the Board of Selectmen approve.

**Warrant Articles**

Member Grubb reviewed the following warrant articles:

The water withdrawal by-law was suggested to the Planning Board by the Commission following observations of landscapers withdrawing water from the Nemasket River.

There is a proposed by-law allowing kennels in all areas of town.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer is proposing a flood plain district change by-law with FEMA requirements that anyone proposing any work in the floodplain must prove hydrologically that the work will cause no change in flood plain level.

There will be a Development Opportunity District by-law involving rezoning Bedford Street area, with added protections for the underlying aquifer.

Member Grubb expressed hope that the Planning board would also have some by-law changes based on the Horsley Witten zoning review done a year ago.

### **Library**

Member Rasa has arranged with the Library for a shelf to be set aside for Conservation Commission/Open Space materials. Member Schroeder is to find out what Library requires as to book plates. We will want one identifying materials donated by the Conservation Commission, and another identifying materials purchased through the Diana G. Slocombe Fund. Materials donated or suggested for purchase will be reviewed by Commission.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting of the Lakeville Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakeville Town Office Building. Upon motion made by Member Rasa and seconded by Member Schroeder the Commission

VOTED:            To adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Unanimous vote.