

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

Chairman Brian Ameche at the Durham Public Library called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**Members Present:** Brian Ameche, Ralph Chase, Casey Cordes, Joe Dattilo, Michael Doyle, Rick Huntley, Bob Melvin, Rick Terrill

**Approval of September Regular Meeting Minutes:** Ralph Chase, seconded by Joe Dattilo to approve the September, 2006 minutes as distributed, made a motion. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Amendments to Agenda / Approval of Agenda:** Site plan review of Estate of Blue Hills – Vincent Baker is added under item 11, Other Business. Rick Huntley, seconded by Ralph Chase to approve the agenda as amended, made a motion. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Payment of Bills:** Two invoices from Voss signs for open space signage; \$258 for 300 white poly signs and \$201 for 300 orange poly signs. Rick Huntley, seconded by Ralph Chase to approve the payment of the bills, made a motion. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

**Public Session:** None

**Request use Whites Farm – TBD:** None

**Water Company Update – Jim McLaughlin:** Jim was not in attendance.

**Status of Proposed Open Space Acquisitions & Update on the New Phase of Open Space Acquisition Program:** Brian Ameche and Rick Terrill have to meet to discuss the current status and to send out a new round of mailings.

**Open Space Issues Report – Dead Hill Road & Cream Pot Road gates, Signs, Security, Maintenance, Other:** Rick Huntley has to request a sketch of the proposed additional Cream Pot Road gate from Boudreau Welding before ordering the gate. The open space signs have arrived. The white signs are for the public roads and the orange signs are for the property lines. Properties were assigned to each member to post after the leaves have fallen as follows: Pent Road – Rick Terrill and Joe Dattilo; Curtis Woodlands – Bob Melvin and Ralph Chase; Howd Road – Ralph Chase, Bob Melvin and Casey Cordes; Sawmill Road – Casey Cordes and Rick Huntley; Pisgah Mountain & Creampot Valley – Brian Ameche and Michael Doyle. Brian reported on complaint about manure spreading on Howd Road property that is interfering with public access to the property. Bob Melvin reported on trash issues and tree health on the Whites Farm property. Rick Terrill reported that the field on Seward Road needs cutting.

**Update on Property Stewards – Preliminary Roster: Whites Farm – Jack Stahl; Pent Road (Deerfield Farm) – Melynda Naples; Howd Road – Matt Reed; Pisgah Mountain – Andy Goldschneider with BSA Troop 27; Creampot Valley – George & Irene Roberts; Curtis Woodlands – Rod Williams; Wimler Property – Dick Porter; and Sawmill Road – Ray Koba:** George & Irene Roberts were present to learn more about Property Stewards. Ralph Chase explained the program and roles. George Roberts reported that the Conservation Officer covering Durham is Joe Ruggiero. George & Irene agreed to be the Property Stewards for Creampot Valley. Dick Porter and Ray Koba still have to be contacted, all other have agreed to be stewards. George thanked the Commission for the work they are doing for the Town.

**Chair’s Report – Correspondence, Memorial Plantings, Other:** Rodney Williams has expressed an interest in mowing and maintaining the upper field at Curtis Woodlands. There was discussion about how the field should be maintained and how to incorporate the ERT comments into a management plan. Casey Cordes will develop some recommendations for the Commission to discuss at a future meeting.

**Other Business:** Site plan review of Estate of Blue Hills – Vincent Baker. Bob Melvin, seconded by Rick Terrill, to recommend a joint site walk of the Baker property prior to review, made a motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huntley  
Recording Secretary