

TOWN OF DURHAM
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Chairman Brian Ameche at the Durham Public Library called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Members Present: Brian Ameche, Ralph Chase, Rick Huntley Bob Melvin.

There were not enough members present for a quorum; therefore no voting on motions can occur.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes: reserved until next regular meeting.

Amendments to Agenda / Approval of Agenda: reserved until next regular meeting.

Payment of Bills: reserved until next regular meeting.

Public Session: None

Request use Whites Farm – New Haven & Middlesex County 4H Fair Parking – Friday 8/4 to Sunday 8/6 – Mark Lahner: The Commission is unable to approve or deny this request tonight. Members present selected July 18, 2006 to hold a special meeting to approve or deny this request. Discussion followed about use for parking. The area would be used for overflow parking and all parking would be kept as close to the road as possible, especially if it rains. The Commission asked the requestor to supply the appropriate certificate of insurance to Jan Muraca. Mark Lahner will be contacted by phone after the July 18, 2006 meeting with the decision.

Request use Whites Farm – CATO Rocket Club – Saturday 7/22 in lieu of previously scheduled Saturday 7/15 – Al Glower: Members present felt the chairman could make the decision to approve since this organization has previous approval and no other activities are scheduled for the request date.

Site Development Plan Review – Preliminary Subdivision revised 4/26/06 – Parcel 4 Harvey Road – Glen Yates: John Bennett on behalf of Glen Yates presented a corrected map of the site plan. Mr. Yates is requesting a waiver of the open space requirement. In reviewing the site plan, members present suggested designating the wetlands on the property as a conservation easement, making the waiver request unnecessary.

Site Development Plan Review – TBD: None

Status of Proposed Open Space Acquisitions and Update on the New Phase of Open Space Acquisition Program: reserved until next regular meeting.

Open Space Issues Report – Dead Hill Road & Cream Pot Road access gates, Property Stewards, Signs, Security, Maintenance, Other: Rick Huntley will be ordering another gate for Cream Pot Road to be placed closer to the entrance of the property. Notice was received from the State of Connecticut that the state has acquired the development rights to 76 acres at

186 Higganum Road. Upon Brian's request regarding development rights of the Wimler property, Laura Francis provided a copy of the provisions along with a map of the property.

Chair's Report – Correspondence, Memorial Plantings, Other: Brian reported on correspondence received. Brian, reporting for Bill LaFlamme, that the hunting lottery has been scheduled for August 22-23, 2006.

Other Business: Executive session at next regular meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huntley
Recording Secretary