

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

Chairman Brian Ameche at the Durham Public Library called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Members Present:** Brian Ameche, Ray Bahr, Ralph Chase, Joseph Dattilo, Rick Huntley, Bill LaFlamme, Adam Moore, Rick Terrill

**Excused:** Bob Melvin

**Guest:** Maryann Boord

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes:** Minutes amended to reflect Rick Huntley was not present. Bill LaFlamme, seconded by Ralph Chase to approve the October 11, 2005 minutes as amended, made a motion. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

**Amendments to Agenda / Approval of Agenda:** Amended agenda as follows: change date from October 11, 2005 to November 8, 2005 and add site plan review of 21 Ozick Drive. Ralph Chase, seconded by Rick Terrill to approve the agenda as amended, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Payment of Bills:** Bascom & Benjamin, \$700 for staking gate location at Cream Pot Road, Pam Huntley, \$30 for secretarial services; Ralph Chase, seconded by Rick Terrill to approve payment of the bills, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously

**Public Session:** none

**Site Development Plan Review United Concrete Products Route 68:** previously reviewed.

**Site Development Plan Review 21 Ozick Drive PJM Properties, LLC:** Discussion followed. Ralph Chase, seconded by Rick Terrill to provide no comment, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Status of Proposed Open Space Acquisitions and Update on the New Phase of Open Space Acquisition Program:** There was general discussion about pursuing the Scott property. Property contains wetlands. There was general discussion about the Dinatale property. The property needs an appraisal and an A24 review from Planning and Zoning. Another property of interest is Vynalek s.' There are 3-4 other properties targeted by the Open Space Acquisition task force that have not had letters sent to the owners yet.

**Open Space Issues Report Status ERT Reports for Curtis Woodlands and Pent Road, Dead Hill Road & Cream Pot Road access gates, Curtis Woodlands survey of encroachments, Signs, Security, Maintenance, Other:** No report has been received from the ERT review, waiting for Rob Rocks to finish the forestry section. Pipe gates have not been installed. The surveyor has staked out the location of Cream Pot Road gate. Ralph Chase will

contact Public Works to schedule installation before the ground freezes. A commission member should be present at the installation. There was discussion about the encroachments by the Williams on the Curtis Woodlands property. It is the sense of the Commission to have all structures removed from the Town side of the property line, to respect the property line and to share the cost of removing the front gate.

**Chair's Report Correspondence, Memorial Plantings, Other:** Brian Ameche gave an update on access to the Smith property. Maryann Boord brought concerns from the seller of the property that an easement would be a condition to the purchase of the property by the Town. Brian indicated for the record that an easement was never a condition for approval of the purchase. Sense of the Commission is to let the property revert to a natural state, so access is not an issue. Adam Moore, seconded by Ralph Chase that access to the Smith property is not an issue and to proceed with the purchase, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** Joe Dattilo discussed the idea of publishing a Conservation Calendar using scenes from Durham Open Spaces. Members thought it was a great idea and Joe should pursue working out the details to get the project started.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huntley  
Recording Secretary