

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 2005**

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

**Members Present:** Brian Ameche, Ralph Chase, Rick Huntley, Bill LaFlamme, Bob Melvin, Rick Terrill

**Excused:** Ray Bahr, Joseph Dattilo, Adam Moore

**Approval of July Meeting Minutes:** Ralph Chase, seconded by Bill LaFlamme to approve the July 12, 2005 minutes, made a motion. Motion passed.

**Amendments to Agenda / Approval of Agenda:** Bill LaFlamme, seconded by Ralph Chase to approve the agenda as presented, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Payment of Bills:** none

**Public Session:** Melynda Naples requested to pay her rent monthly. Melynda also reported that someone has dumped some construction debris (wood and metal) on the corner of Seward Road. The steel tanks still need to be removed, but they may contain fuel. Brian will call Kurt Bober about the tanks. The field across the street from the barn is more overgrown than a brush hog can handle, so it will take longer to clear. There is a drainage problem on the David Road property causing erosion in the field. Brian will ask Kurt to take a look at the area. The 4-H club runs a meeting once a month at the Barn.

**Site Development Plan Review – Beatrice, Rita & Catherine Valley – Old Blue Hills Road:** Beatrice was present. Discussion followed. Bob Melvin, seconded by Ralph Chase to provide no comment with the exception of the need to relocate the well arc, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Status of Hunting Lottery:** Bill LaFlamme reported that the last day to submit applications is August 19, 2005. The lottery will be executed August 29, 2005. Bill LaFlamme suggested looking into opening the Mt. Pisgah property for hunting.

**Status of Proposed Open Space Acquisitions and Update on the New Phase of Open Space Acquisition Program:** Rick Terrill reported some concerns that Katherine Smith has in regards to the sale of 30 acres of open space land to the Town. Her main concern is that the Town pays for the cost of detaching this property from Lot 22 on Casa Lane. It was agreed that Brian Ameche would get the purchase on the agenda of the Board of Finance meeting on September 7, 2005 and the Board of Selectman meeting on September 12, 2005. Rick Terrill also reported that Mr. Scott is ready to meet with an appraiser. Members looked at a map of the parcel abutting the proposed Guilford subdivision near Crooked Hill Road that Maryann Boord asked to be looked

at as a possible open space acquisition. The Commission needs to make a site inspection of the parcel in order to make any recommendation.

**Open Space Issues Report – Status ERT Reports for Curtis Woodlands and Pent Road, Dead Hill Road access gates, Signs, Security, Maintenance, Acquisition, Other:** No report has been received from the ERT review. Commission will pursue the request for an ERT review of the Mt. Pisgah – Cream Pot Valley property. The invoice has been submitted for the 2 pipe gates. The Commission needs to identify the location for the gate on the Cream Pot Road side of the property. Gate delivery will be arranged with Public Works.

**Chair’s Report – Correspondence, Memorial Plantings, Other:** Brian Ameche distributed the final memorandum in response to Sue & Rodney Williams letter from June 14, 2005 meeting correspondence. Discussion followed. Ralph Chase, seconded by Bill LaFlamme to send the memorandum, made a motion. Motion passed, unanimously.

**Other Business:** none

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huntley  
Recording Secretary