

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

Chairman Brian Ameche at the Durham Public Library called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

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

**Approval of April Meeting Minutes:** Ralph Chase, seconded by Bill LaFlamme to approve the April, 2006 minutes as distributed, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Payment of Bills:** Bill for \$22.50 to Pam Huntley for secretarial services. Bob Melvin, seconded by Casey Cordes to approve the payment of the bill, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Session:** None

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

**Site Development Plan Review – TBD:** None

**Status of Proposed Open Space Acquisitions and Update on the New Phase of Open Space Acquisition Program:** Brian Ameche reported that discussions are continuing with Mr. Scott.

**Open Space Issues Report – Summaries of ERT Report chapters on Curtis Woodlands and Pent Road Dead Hill Road & Cream Pot Road access gates, Curtis Woodlands encroachments, Signs, Security, Maintenance, Other:** There was general discussion about the remaining money in the budget and what needs to be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Half of what is left to spend is for mowing open space properties. The rest may be needed for stone used in road repair, tree removal and pruning at White's Farm, trash removal from Pent Road, possible purchase of additional gates, modification of current gates, purchasing more boundary signs for open space properties. Bob Melvin talked about redoing the open space property map in a format similar to the tri-fold brochure *Mattabesset River Canoe/Kayak Trail*. He will follow-up with finding out more information from the Conservation District about the cost to produce. There was general discussion about trespassing, vandalism and off-road vehicles.

**Chair's Report – Correspondence, Memorial Plantings, Other:** Brian reported on correspondence received. Bob Melvin asked if the Commission still holds memberships in CACIWC, Middlesex Land Trust and Watershed Association. The Commission does not have current membership, but can be renewed. Ralph Chase reported on the Memorial Planting Dedication for Bob White. The dedication was well attended. Bob Melvin, seconded by Rick Terrill, to purchase a memorial planting for Roger Newton to be planted in the fall of 2006, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** Ralph Chase requested that Troop 27 and the Exchange Club use White's Farm for a flag burning ceremony. Rick Terrill, seconded by Bill LaFlamme to permit the use of White's Farm by Troop 27 and the Exchange Club for a flag burning ceremony, made a motion. Motion passed unanimously. There was discussion about approaching people to be stewards of the various open space properties. There needs to be a description of responsibilities of a steward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huntley  
Recording Secretary