

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

Bob Melvin at the Durham Public Library called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

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

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Lacking a quorum, but will make updates on topics that do not require motions.

**Amendments to Agenda/Approval of February Agenda:** No quorum to make a motion.

**Approval of Minutes from January Regular Meeting:** No quorum to make a motion.

**Public Session:** Lou Ferraro was present. A recent storm knocked a tree onto his house, which he has removed. There are additional dead trees on the conservation easement that he would like to cut down so they do not fall onto his house. The Commission referred him to the Town's Tree Warden, Tim Larkin.

**Payment of Bills:** None.

*New Business*

**Election of Conservation Commission Officers for 2010:** No quorum to make a motion.

**Colton Gray – Eagle Scout Project Discussion & Identification:** Not in attendance.

**Lucy Meigs – Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation Grant and Trail Establishment Proposal at Pisgah Mtn.:** Lucy was present and distributed a copy of her grant proposal. She is interested in mapping the Mt. Pisgah property using a GPS unit. The Commission invited her to attend the March meeting. The Commission proposed to make a motion at the next meeting to approve mapping and blazing of trails on Town open space properties. Lucy offered to assist the Commission with grant writing for items such as maps and signage.

*Old Business*

**Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria – Circulation & Discussion of Draft Criteria & Approval:** No discussion.

**Status of Parking Development & Lease Proposal for May 68, Lot 8:** No discussion.

**Deerfield Farm Lease & Back Payment Update:** No discussion.

**FY 2010 & 2011 Budget Cycle – Budgetary Meeting 2/10/2010:** No discussion.

**Agricultural Commission - Communications:** Invite Warren Herzig to a meeting to have an open discussion about interactions between the two commissions.

**Howd Road Property - Communications:** No discussion.

**Open forum with Property Stewards – Whites Farm – Jack Stahl; Pent Road (Deerfield Farm) – Melynda Naples; Howd Road – Matt Reed; Pisgah Mountain and Creampot Valley - Christina Costas, George & Irene Roberts, Jim Smigal with BSA Troop 27 and Andy Golschneider with Venture Crew 169; Curtis Woodlands – Rob Williams & Mark Smolley; Portion of Wimler Property with Public Access – Dick Porter; and Sawmill Road – Ray Koba:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huntley  
Recording Secretary