

**TOWN OF DURHAM**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday April 14, 2009*

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by Chairman Casey Cordes at the Durham Public Library

**Members Present:** Casey Cordes, Ralph Chase, Bill LaFlamme, Bob Melvin, Joe Dattilo

1. **Approval of March 10th Meeting Minutes:** *A motion was made by Ralph Chase seconded by Bill LaFlamme to approve The March 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 minutes as read. Minutes approved unanimously.*
2. **Amendments to Agenda/ Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Joe Dattilo seconded by Ralph Chase to approve the amended agenda, to add to item 9 Mylinda Naples Deerfield Farms Update. And strike item 12 Executive Session motion passed unanimously.*
3. **Payment of Bills:** *None.*
4. **Public Session:** *None*
5. **Proposed Drainage Improvements Along Pent Rd – Kurt, DPW:** *Kurt Advised there are 4 cross laterals with the exhaust side on the west side of Pent Rd. that need attention. regrading etc. to improve drainage. The Commission will conduct a site walk on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm with Kurt Bober to ascertain what needs to be done. Kurt also discussed the need to repair White's Farm roads, sediment deposits, and drainage swales. He asked if the Commission had any money in it's budget to help with these repairs. The Commission will check with BOF. He noted that The Fair Association has picked up the area used for fair parking. And the dog walkers are also picking up trash that is being left at White's.*
6. **Site Development Plan Review – Gastler and Patterson Subdivision, Rte. 147, Old Indian Trail and Snell Rd:** *Atty John Corona presented site plan. The Commission discussed possible open space, or conservation easement. A motion was made that the Durham Conservation Commission's position was No Comment by Ralph Chase, seconded by Joe Dattilo. Approved unanimously.*

- 7. Request to use White's Farm – Ed Novak, Glastonbury Modellers, Requested Dates: 6/13, 8/9, 9/13, & 11/22: - Motion made by Ralph Chase, seconded by Bob Melvin, approved unanimously..**
- 8. Status of Proposed Open Space Acquisitions – Map Distribution; Flynn Property – Conservation Easement Distribution and Morrissey Property, So. Central CT Regional Water Authority Option: - Discussion of Flynn property.**
- 9. Open Space Issues Reports/Updates: Eagle Scout Project at Curtis Woodlands; Dead Hill Rd & Creampot Rd Pins & Gates; & Security, Deerfield Farm – Mylinda Naples Update – Discussion on concern from neighbors regarding Eagle scout project ie: cutting of Russian Olive and other invasives, stumps could pose hazards. Sheehan Michael is still working on the project, stumps are being cut as close to ground level as possible. Commission will tour Deerfield Farm on April 21<sup>st</sup> site walk on Pent Rd, will invite Mylinda.**
- 10. Open forum with Property Stewards – Final Roster: White's Farm – Jack Stahl; Pent Rd (Deerfield Farm) – Melynda Naples; Howd Rd – Matt Reed; Pisgah Mountain – Andy Golschneider with BSA Troop 27; Creampot Valley – George and Irene Roberts; Curtis Woodlands – Rob Williams; Portion of Wimler Property with Public Access – Dick Porter; and Sawmill Rd – Ray Koba: None.**
- 11. Chair's Report – New Business – Discussion of Arbor Day Ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup> dedicating New Memorial plantings for Roger Newton and Charlie Wimler, ceremony will start at 10 am. Tentative work day for White's farm will be Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion of NRCS Floodplain Grant Application.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM*

Respectfully Submitted

William LaFlamme

Secretary