CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING JULY 14, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, Jack Messe, David McTigue, Joanne Meshna PUBLIC: Kleta Dudley, Matt Oliveira, Mike Redding, George May

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2010 meeting. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Redding plans to bid on the Furnace Brook project. He had toured the sites with the Town Administrator and Public Works Director. He answered questions from members on the project.

Mr. May from the Souhegan River Watershed Association offered to assist the Commission with water testing as they had done last year. He asked that \$200.00 be donated to the Association to help cover the expense of bottles, etc. Bob will discuss with the Selectmen.

Committee Reports:

Trails: Tom Brumaghim and his crew have completed the clean-up at the Nussdorfer Nature Area.

Jack made copies of the map of the Kellogg property and will draw the proposed trail on it. Also, he described a blue trail marker he had which was triangular in shape, blue on one side and a reflector strip on the other. He will look into the cost.

Lands: The change in the NH state law regarding amending of easements has delayed the transfer of the Rhoads easement to the Monadnock Conservancy until September or October.

Bob discussed the repair of the replacement of the bridge at Highbridge. On the town property located at the intersection of Highbridge Road and Turnpike Road a viewing spot will be constructed for 3-4 cars and Highbridge Road will be relocated to the east about 20 feet to accommodate that. A temporary bridge will be constructed on Ypya Drive; Bob suggested a walking bridge be constructed once that temporary bridge is removed.

Water Resources: The proposed golf course and their water usage was discussed. The new proposal is for one well and two detention ponds to provide the water needed for irrigation. The ponds are located on the highest point of the land. Members questioned what would happen if the amount of water expected in the ponds is not realized, and

when the ponds collect the water, what does not get watered. The next hearing for the golf course is with the Zoning Board on August 5.

Dixie suggested further stream testing by the Commission on the waters behind the Community Church on Main Street. Bob offered to help.

Old Business: After further thought, Bob stated that a comprehensive wetlands inventory was not really practical as a lot of the land is private and there would be no way to monitor it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna Secretary