CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 11, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Dixie Rhoads, Doug Waitt, Jack Messe, David

McTigue, Bill Watkinson, Joanne Meshna

PUBLIC: Matt Oliveira

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 July 14, 2010 meeting. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dixie made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Souhegan Watershed Association. Bill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Open Space: Not sure if Freddi will be returning to the Commission. The Commission will decide at the annual meeting whether or not to have an Open Space Committee.

Trails: Ed Rogers has volunteered to map the Kellogg trail. Jack will contact him.

Jack will purchase 250 trail markers.

Lands: The survey is complete for the Rice lot off Flinkstrom Road. Dixie noted that there may be grants available that would help with the cost of purchase. The Commission agreed that Bob would talk to the real estate owner explaining there may be grants available and requesting to pay 25% down with 90 days to complete the transaction. The asking price is \$90,000.

The lot recently purchased known as Mansfield Meadow near Tophet Swamp needs to be protected by a land trust as well as the Rice/Tuttle lot. The Mansfield lot has a right-of-way to it located on Hubbard Pond Road. Members discussed the need to identify the area with signage. Joanne will contact Zeke Somero who did the Green Center sign and invite him to a meeting to discuss the project.

Doug made a motion to approve invoice number IZ41603 from New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. for \$1,155.50. Dixie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dixie made a motion to approve invoice number IZ41585 for \$6,874.50 from New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. David seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Both invoices are for the surveying of the Rice lot off Flinkstrom Road.

Water Resources: Doug met with Peter Goewey, Director of Public Works, to discuss signs for the streams that cross the road. Doug will meet with the art director at the high

school to discuss designing of a logo. Bob suggested Doug also speak with Steve Landry at DES to see if there are any standard state signs that should be used.

Old Business: Bob wrote a letter to the Zoning Board with concerns related to the golf course application. The letter was entered into the record at the Zoning Board's meeting last Thursday. Bob asked that it be included with the material being reviewed by Kent Brown and Joanne will forward the letter to them.

New Business: Dixie noted that there is an informational meeting at the Nashua Library on August 17 on the Asian longhorned bettle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna Secretary