

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, January 14, 2008

Attendees: Eric Foley, Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley, Sean Radcliffe, Dave Repack

Opening at 7:05 PM at the Library.

Minutes of December 10th meeting were approved.

Secretary's report: Honey moved, and Lincoln seconded, that the following four bills be paid and reimbursed to the parties listed below. The motion was voted unanimously.

1. USPO box rent of \$40 already paid by Debra Harling for the TCC.
2. Savron Graphics bill of \$345 for Newsletter printing and given to Debra.
3. Staples bill of #31.49 paid by John Kieley to be reimbursed by Debra.
4. USPO bill of \$106.20 for Newsletter mailing paid by John Kieley to be reimbursed by Debra.

Responses to Newsletter: Members reported favorable responses to the fall TCC Newsletter and expressed their gratitude to Connie Kieley for her diligent work in putting it together, printing, and mailing. Thanks also to members who submitted articles and helped in the process.

Update on Open Space Plan: Lincoln read a letter from seasonal resident Jamie Jones of Converse Road offering comments and suggestions on the draft of our Open Space Plan. Members appreciate his thoughtful letter and Lincoln will respond. Members discussed these and other suggestions for the Plan, and *Sean will incorporate these in another draft to be emailed out to members before the next meeting.*

Update on Chris Covell's aquifer mapping proposal: Chris was not available in December for negotiations on fees, so the funds from the '07 TCC budget were not allocated. Members suggested that the TCC hold a hearing in April to discuss using funds from the Conservation Fund for the aquifer mapping. This project is important and timely, both in terms of assisting appropriate, future development and securing Chris' skills at current hiring costs. *Lincoln will contact Chris to continue negotiations.*

Survey on Municipal Funding of Conservation Research: *Bruce will meet with John at the Town Office to obtain the necessary information for filling out this survey. He'll bring it to the next meeting.*

Heald Land: *John is pursuing questions with SPNHF.*

Planning for 2008: Several topics and projects were listed for discussion at the next meeting: finishing and implementing the Open Space Place; aquifer mapping; work with Planning Board on updating Master Plan; support Planning Board on extending Conservation Subdivision to rural and agricultural zones; 200-year celebration (planting seedlings and elm tree, birdhouses); Harvest Festival exhibit; newsletter; hikes; work with Planning Board on Wetlands Buffer Zone; conservation easements; new members.

Meeting ended at 9:25. **Next meeting on January 28th.**

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

The Harris Center is sponsoring a workshop from 9:30 AM to noon on Sat., Nov. 10th on **bedrock aquifers**. Richard Moore of the U.S. Geological Survey will present NH efforts using lineament analysis. *This is an important for as many TCC members to attend as possible.*