

# Town of Newington, NH

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 13, 2013

**Call to Order:** Chair Jane Hislop called the June 13, 2013 meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Present:** Jane Hislop, Chair; Nancy Cauvet; Julie Fijas; Tonia Pulkowski; Jim Weiner; Recorder and Alternate, Jane Kendall and Thomas Morgan, Town Planner

**Public Guests:** Attorney F.X. Bruton, Justin Richardson

### 1) Old Business: Fox Point Easement

Attorney F.X. Bruton reviewed his conservation easement draft which was modeled after a traditional conservation easement. Attorney Bruton pointed out that a Town cannot grant an easement to itself so would need to grant the easement to the Conservation Commission. Justin Richardson said it would be important to make the easement as non-confrontational as possible, keeping in mind that the main concern would be to protect the existing rural character at Fox Point from being spoiled by poor agricultural use, or sold. Discussion on management, and restrictive covenants ensued. After further discussion, consensus was reached that best management would be consistent with the purpose of conservation and should be decided upon by agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission, and the management plan would be a separate document from the conservation easement. F.X. Bruton said he would take comments over the next couple of weeks before returning with two documents – a conservation easement, and a management plan. Jane Hislop said she would start looking at other conservation area management plans.

### Announcements:

Nancy Cauvet noted that the Library had been awarded a grant for a rain garden from the UNH Stormwater Center.

Jane Hislop said the Gondola would be going out on Wednesday night trips, requiring two-week advance notice to participate.

**Minutes:** Nancy Cauvet moved to accept the Minutes of May 9, 2013. Jim Weiner seconded and all approved.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 11, 2012

**Respectfully**

**Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary