

**TOWN OF GRANBY**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Neil Hornish, Anna Sogliuzzo, Susan Dwyer, Mark Lockwood, Mark Fiorentino, and Carolyn Flint

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by Chairman Hornish.

**FEBRUARY 2, 2012 MINUTES:**

The minutes from the February 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

In the third paragraph in the Natural Resource Inventory section of the minutes, it should read “Mrs. Paula Johnson”, instead of “Mr. Paula Johnson.

The last sentence of the first paragraph in the Upcoming Commission Projects section, it should read “Mr. Fiorentino will start plotting the data on a map and have the Commission review it when complete”, not “Mr. Lockwood will start...when complete”.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Flint, seconded by Mr. Lockwood, the minutes from the February 2, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting were approved as amended on a (4-0-2) vote. Ms. Sogliuzzo and Ms. Dwyer abstained from voting as they were not present at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI):**

Mr. Lockwood submitted his comments and revisions of the NRI to Chairman Hornish for incorporation. One of Mr. Lockwood’s suggestions was to rearrange the sections for better flow so the NRI follows a linear pattern. Mr. Lockwood also suggested the NRI include an Aesthetics section which would include such landmarks as Ender’s Gorge, Silver Brook Gorge, and the Granby Oak. The Commission felt that perhaps these notable features could be addressed in the executive summary.

Ms. Sogliuzzo drafted an executive summary for the NRI which she will email to the Commissioners for review.

Ms. Dwyer will contact NEMO and review the State Plan of Conservation to see if there is a map of the wildlife corridors in Granby the Commission could add to the NRI.

Mr. Lockwood suggested looking into how Granby has evolved from a farming community into a more forested land area. The Commission suggested Mr. Lockwood contact Bill Bentley and the Granby Historical Society for more information.

The Commission discussed whether to include Mr. Fran Armentano’s summary of the Granby Land Trust in the NRI. Ms. Flint suggested placing a link to the Land Trust’s website into the NRI as opposed to Mr. Armentano’s summary. Mr. Fiorentino suggested that a comment be added that not all Land Trust Land is for public use.

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### **CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE:**

Chairman Hornish met with Mr. Kurt Severance of the Granby Department of Public Works on February 9, 2012. Mr. Severance provided Chairman Hornish with data on the Town's oil usage for the past four years. Chairman Hornish will add this data to Portfolio Manager. Chairman Hornish also plans to contact the Town Manager's office for data on water and electrical usage rates.

The Commission discussed ways to encourage sign-ups. Ms. Sogliuzzo commented that perhaps the Clean Energy Fair would be the best way to increase sign-ups and promote clean energy. She suggested the Fair include a wide range of activities which would attract a more diverse range of people.

Ms. Flint suggested the Commission speak at the Senior Men's and Women's breakfasts regarding the clean energy sign-up process. A grassroots movement might be the way to go prior to holding a large event.

Mr. Fiorentino feels this is a hard sell during the current economic conditions and suggested the Commission take a different approach to encourage sign ups. A softer sell to those who can financially afford to switch to clean energy might be easier. The Commission should consider starting a marketing campaign for those who are willing and able to switch to clean energy. Chairman Hornish will draft an article for the local media outlets which includes information on how the sign-ups work and links to the CL&P website and the Commission's website.

### **UPCOMING COMMISSION PROJECTS:**

Mr. Fiorentino is in contact with GIS professors from Westfield State University in Westfield, MA to see if students are interested in assisting on the trail mapping project. The Commission felt the easiest trails to find could be mapped first. These trails include: McLean's Game Refuge, the Rail Trail, Holcomb Farm, Ender's State Forest, and the Mary Edward's property.

Mr. Fiorentino asked if the Commission was interested in taking a walking tour of the Evonsion Farm, located at 101 East Street in North Granby. The Commission is interested in viewing the property, especially if it is going to become part of the Town's Open Space Plan. Mr. Fiorentino will try to secure an appointment for a tour and will notify Commissioners of the tour date.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business.

ON A MOTION by Carolyn Flint, seconded by Anna Sogliuzzo, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm on a (6-0-0) vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Leveille  
Recording Secretary