

**TOWN OF GRANBY**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**

**May 3, 2012**

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

Also present was Mr. Bill Sleavin, Professor at Westfield State University.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM by Chairman Hornish.

**APRIL 19, 2012 MINUTES:**

The minutes from the April 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Flint, seconded by Chairman Hornish, the minutes from the April 19, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting were approved on a (2-0-3) vote. Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Fiorentino were not present at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, and Ms. Sogliuzzo was not yet present at this meeting to vote on the minutes.

**TRAIL MAPPING:**

Professor Sleavin, Professor of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at Westfield State reviewed the trail mapping project with the Commission. Mr. Sleavin's GIS class visited McLean's Game Refuge earlier in May and walked the trails with hand-held GPS units to record the trails, which they then used to create a digital map of the Refuge's hiking trails. The map is located on Google Earth for Commissioners to view and Mr. Sleavin also gave a paper copy to the Commission.

Mr. Sleavin commented that the whole endeavor went very well and the students enjoyed themselves. Westfield State will continue to do data acquisition for the Commission as it's a great opportunity to apply their classroom skills to real-world applications. For the fall semester, Mr. Sleavin has two to three classes interested in working on the trail mapping project. The Commission agreed they would spend the summer months creating a priority list of which trails they would like mapped next as well as what attributes they would like represented on the maps (i.e. elevation levels; trail difficulty; gradual versus steep slope; etc). The Commission will also try to find paper maps for the classes to use as a reference when mapping various hiking locations in Granby.

The Commission agreed that members of the Granby Land Trust should be invited to an upcoming meeting, as they will have information on which trails on Land Trust property are open to the public and can be mapped by students.

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI):**

The Commission spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing the introduction section of the NRI and making revisions for the final draft. Commission members will continue this endeavor during the next few weeks as well as at the May 17, 2012 meeting.

**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE:**

Ms. Sogliuzzo will follow up with "The Granby News" regarding the submittal date for the insert for the informational session at the Granby Senior Center on May 19, 2012.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Flint announced that the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic designation has been introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

ON A MOTION by Carolyn Flint, seconded by Anna Sogliuzzo, the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm on a (5-0-0) vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Leveille  
Recording Secretary