

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

**August 16, 2012**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Chairman Hornish.

**AUGUST 2, 2012 MINUTES:**

The Commission will vote to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2012 Conservation Commission meeting at the next meeting on September 6, 2012. Not enough members of the Commission who attended the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were not present tonight to motion and second the minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Celebrate Granby is being held on September 22, 2012. Chairman Hornish contacted the Town Manager's office to see if other commissions or departments are getting a table. The Town Manager's office seems to think the Department of Public Works and the Agriculture Commission are planning on having tables at Celebrate Granby. Chairman Hornish suggested sharing a table with one of these groups. Ms. Sogliuzzo volunteered to go through the handouts the Commission has displayed at past events and make photo copies for Celebrate Granby. Mr. Fiorentino volunteered to assist with the event as well. The Commission discussed the possibility of using some of the clean energy grant money to purchase give-aways to promote sign ups. The Commission will discuss this idea further at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Hornish submitted the yearly report for the Commission to the Town Manager's office. This synopsis will be included in the Town of Granby 2013 Calendar.

The National Park Service is requesting public comment on the proposal to designate the lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook as Wild and Scenic. Ms. Flint drafted a statement on behalf of the Commission endorsing the Wild and Scenic designation, which the Commission reviewed.

ON A MOTION by Mark Fiorentino, seconded by Anna Sogliuzzo, the Commission approved the statement on a (5-0-0) vote to submit the endorsement.

Ms. Flint will submit the endorsement via the National Park Service website. Comments are being accepted now through October 17, 2012. Ms. Flint noted that Commission members may submit individual comments as well for additional support of the designation.

Emily Leveille, Recording Secretary for the Conservation Commission, announced that this will be her last meeting with the Commission.

ON A MOTION by Carolyn Flint, seconded by Mark Lockwood, the Commission voted on a (5-0-0) vote to officially thank Emily Leveille for her stellar work for the Commission as Recording Secretary.

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**TRAIL MAPPING:**

Chairman Hornish brought hard copies of maps of Enders State Forest. Mr. Fiorentino is attempting to meet with Professor Sleavin prior to the next Commission meeting to discuss the trail priority list and provide Professor Sleavin with the maps Chairman Hornish supplied. Once Mr. Fiorentino schedules the meeting with Professor Sleavin, he will notify the Commission so any interested Commissioners may attend.

Mr. Fiorentino suggested the Commission dedicate an upcoming meeting to going out on a trail and using a GPS to map it. The Commission agreed they would like to do this, so Mr. Fiorentino will discuss the possibility of doing so when he meets with Professor Sleavin.

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI):**

The Commission reviewed the Natural Resource Inventory in its entirety and reviewed the changes Chairman Hornish had made since the last Commission meeting. The Commission also spent time reviewing and editing the recommendations for the Open Space section of the NRI. Chairman Hornish will finish formatting the document, make final revisions, and add photos supplied by the Commissioners by the next Commission meeting on September 6, 2012.

ON A MOTION by Anna Sogliuzzo, seconded by Mark Lockwood, the meeting adjourned at 8:46pm on a (5-0-0) vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Leveille  
Recording Secretary