

**TOWN OF GRANBY**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 17, 2011**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:36PM by Chairman Hornish.

**OCTOBER 20, 2011 MINUTES:**

The minutes from the October 20, 2011 were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by Ms. Flint, seconded by Ms. Sogliuzzo, the minutes from the October 20, 2011 Conservation Commission meeting were approved on a (4-0-0) vote.

Regarding the meeting notes from November 3, 2011, the snowstorm name should be “Winter Storm Alfred” not “Winter Storm Albert”.

**RIDGELINE GUIDELINES:**

Chairman Hornish announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission’s public workshop regarding the Ridgeline Guidelines went well. Mr. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development, discussed the Guidelines with the public as well as shared maps of the properties and areas which fall under the Guidelines.

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (NRI):**

Ms. Flint submitted her revisions of the NRI to Chairman Hornish who will edit the master copy.

Discussion was held regarding whether the Commission should choose a different word than “recommendations” for the end of each chapter so the public will not think this is a new statute. Ms. Sogliuzzo suggested writing a statement in the introductory section of the NRI that states this document has recommendations and do not supersede current statutes.

At the December Commission Meeting, the draft will be ready to send to other commissions and stakeholders. The Commission decided that the preliminary recipients of the draft should include: Inlands and Wetlands Commission; Francis Armentano, Director of Community Development; the Agricultural Commission; Granby Land Trust; Salmon Brook Watershed Association; and possibly the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Conservation Commission will finalize this list at the December 1, 2011 meeting.

**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE:**

Chairman Hornish is attempting to contact Ms. Shelley Reuben to touch base with where she left off with the Task Force. Chairman Hornish also felt it would be a good idea to contact the Town Manager’s office for more recent data on the Town’s energy consumption.

**POSSIBLE COMMISSION PROJECTS:**

The Commissioners continued discussion from the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting on what projects they would be interested in working on once the NRI is completed.

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Ms. Dwyer has emailed the DEEP about completing an area study of Granby similar to a bio blitz. She is waiting to hear back from a DEEP representative, but thought this project would likely occur during the warmer months as opposed to the winter season.

Ms. Flint suggested mapping the conservation easements in Town. Having a map of all the easements would be helpful for the Planning and Zoning Commission. It was suggested that the Commission contact Mr. Armentano to see if this would be useful to the Community Development Office or if the project has already been completed.

The Town Clerk's office asked the Commission a few years ago if the Commission would be interested in gathering information on where all trails in Granby are located. Residents would have access to this information in a single location if the Commission decides to take on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

ON A MOTION by Carolyn Flint, seconded by Anna Sogliuzzo, the meeting adjourned at 8:07pm on a (4-0-0) vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Leveille  
Recording Secretary