

**Town of Groton Conservation Commission**  
**754 North Groton Road**  
**Groton, NH 03241**

Meeting Minutes from August 8/15/13 (as amended)

The Groton Conservation Commission convened at 6:45 PM. Members in attendance were Robert Ferriere, Louis Lieto, Stephen (Slim) Spafford and Nancy Watson.

Members absent were Miles Sinclair and Paula Stata.

Lou will check with Pam Hamel to make sure everyone is receiving the minutes via Internet.

Bob made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 20, 2013. The motion was seconded by Nancy with all in favor. Bob made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from July 18, 2013. Nancy seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Lou and Bob provided a report from the August 6th KHPAC meeting. The potential cost for studies totals \$52,200. Brian Hotz (SPNHF) gave the committee a “worst case” scenario. \$24,000 of various costs may be discretionary. Some studies may not be necessary, two of which total \$6,000. Lou will e-mail the itemized list to CC members. Lou said the CC needs to be prepared to loan money from our budget to the KHPAC. They need to supply a detailed request.

KHPAC must determine the protocol Timbervest used for their timber assessment, so the town can use the same.

Chuck Stata contacted Dave Daut, who is the forester for Timbervest, requesting a review of paperwork and a tour of the Kimball Hill property. Mr. Daut obliged and the review and tour is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> from noon until 7:00 PM. Participants will meet at the town hall.

The letter to the Selectmen from the KHPAC will be revised, fine-tuned and submitted. Deb Johnson is researching more funding sources. It is permissible to have more than one easement on the property.

The KHPAC has requested the CC assimilate various data for them. There exists a time frame of approximately three months to complete this task.

The Cooperative Extension will provide the CC six copies of the Natural Resources Inventory publication free of charge. The Extension Service does not supply interns and suggested PSC as a source for assistance.

Lou provided an update on the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. He called and left a message, as well as contacted them via e-mail and still has received no response. Lou will follow up again.

Lou is concerned about meeting the end-of-year deadline for the completion of the bridgework to the town pond site. The FEMA funding will be jeopardized if the work is not completed by deadline. The town is still waiting approval of the wetlands permitting. A discussion was held about naming the pond. Lou will ask Miles to post a sign with a bowl, inviting suggestions at the Old Home Day event. Lou will obtain permission from the library trustee to place the sign and bowl in the library. Members agreed suggestions received will be used as "input" only and the CC will make the final decision on a name.

There was an ongoing discussion to increase public interest, which included encouraging people to visit areas and increase knowledge of ecology.

Slim will talk to Dan Sundquist (SPNHF) about assisting the CC. Dan has a meeting with the Planning Board on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Slim will see if he has time to meet with the CC prior to this.

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, which was seconded by Lou, with all in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Watson  
Conservation Commission Co-Secretary  
August 20, 2013