

**South Berwick Conservation Commission Minutes  
February 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m., South Berwick Town Hall**

**Present:** Rebecca Gray, Dolores Leonard, Cari Quarter, Pat Robinson, John Stirling,

**Absent:** Greg Hellyer (2 Open Seats)

**Next Meeting:** March 18, 2009

**Minutes:** Reviewed and accepted minutes from January 14, 2009

**Mail:** Reviewed, nothing to report

**New business**

1) Jodi Castallo, MTA2C coordinator, spoke on how to foster development and delivery of an open space plan. Discussion touched on:

- Value of con com familiarizing itself about existing open space in preparation of creating an open space plan
- Ways to conduct related public education, e.g., newspaper articles, beginning with habitat, surveys, etc. (Noted she is available to help with this.)
- To begin we need to also consider natural resource inventory, goals and strategies, etc. Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Project (PREP) may be able to help with that. Their CTAP includes technical assistance providers who have a contract to do the work. Jody can help with application process.
- PREP is going through a conservation plan for N.H. side of Piscataqua River Watershed. This will have an 18-month time frame.
- Jody would be available to present on the reasons for an open space plan. Could help with strategic planning.

2) Approved announcement for town report

3) Earth Day

- Scheduled for 4/18, 7 am to 6 pm
- Rebecca will spearhead the poster development for Earth Day, also will check in with Marshwood recycling club.
- We will send information out about this in public notices. People need to sign up to bring trash in to transfer station.
- Need press release for fosters, herald, and sentinel written and submitted by end of March. Dolores will draft for group review.
- Need to pass info on to Route 236 blog

4) Salmon Falls Greenbelt Plan

- In final stages of drafting. Dolores will edit and format. Work with Pat and Paul Schumacher for guidance.

5) Planning Board update: John provided update on CMP / 236 project.

6) Pat's update from Saving Our Children's Water meeting. Focus on community outreach. Americrops volunteer will work with us on watershed and water quality.

7) Salmon Falls brochure: Quantity seems to be a bit short; Cari will look in to it.

**New business**

1) Web site: Commission to investigate use of google sites to create a web site for the commission. Dolores will try to have a rough site up by next meeting.

2) Cari's departure: Commission regrettably accepts Cari's resignation.