

**South Berwick Conservation Commission  
April 28, 2010, Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Pat Robinson, Dolores Leonard, John Klossner

**Absent:** Maya Bough, John Stirling

**Guest:** David Burke town council chair

**Next Meeting:** May 26, 2010

**Approval of 3/31 Minutes:** Pat made motion to approve, John K. seconded. Approved.

**Meeting dates:** Confirmed via email moving the meeting from the last Wednesday of each month in Nov. & Dec. New meeting times: November 17 & December 15.

**Mail:** None

**On going business:**

**1) Town Forest:** Discussed Town Council's decision to pass on the Commission's current proposal for a special revenue account for management of town Forest and other open spaces. The money will be put in the undesignated fund.

Dave indicated that while the Council did not think that a special revenue account was the way to go, there was interest in seeing more targeted, specific proposals to support management of the forest, educational activities, and efforts to harvest timber on other Town lots. These would need to be submitted by late summer and include estimated costs. Potential to look for 10 to 20% of the revenue from the harvest to support such activities. Cited the recreational committee's plan as a model.

Dave also suggested a workshop for the council in advance of such a proposal and suggested the Commission attend the upcoming Balancing Rock Workshop. He noted that the Vaughn Fund might be an appropriate source of funding for activities related to youth recreation.

- **Actions:** Group to discuss roles related to Town Forest management with John Schempf, invite partners to build out ideas for different parts of the proposal to future meetings, and schedule a workshop with the Council for later in the summer.

**2) Natives Garden and rain barrel:** Informed Dave of this project, assigned tasks of getting copy and estimates for signage together.

**3) Open Space Planning:** Updated Dave about this effort, which is to create an open space plan that will be a resource for the Town in conserving and managing open natural spaces. He suggested we work closely with the Planning Board on this project. Discussed need to focus this project so that the outcome is not a plan that sits on a shelf, but one that serves as a useful tool that community members and municipal bodies can access and apply to land use decision making.

- **Actions:** Pat to invite Jodi to next meeting, Dolores to confirm an orientation meeting date (June 8?), someone needs to groom list, email invitations and post some info about this.

**4) Well water testing:** Drop offs are Saturday, May 8. Pat made a motion to spend up to \$20 on refreshments for people who come by. Dolores seconded.

- **Actions:** Dolores to confirm hours that each member will commit and let Monkey Business know that we are purchasing the day olds. Also, to drop Salmon Falls Greenbelt Plans by Town Hall. Pat will be first that day and pick up refreshments.

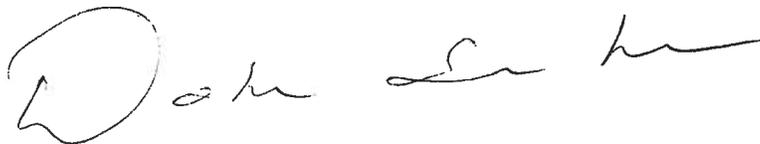
**4) Earth Day Clean Up:** Pat interested in some kind of post clean up PR to encourage people to keep the roads clean. John suggested getting info about trash to corporations (bud light). Pat suggested bumper stickers. Pat made a motion to spend up to \$50 on bumper stickers. Dolores seconded.

- **Actions:** John to follow up with notice for corporation, and to generate a "South Berwick—we live here!" bumper sticker.

#### **New business:**

**Gundalow event:** Commission will have a table at this event. John K. discussed the idea of using this event ad others to generate a little energy and excitement about the Commission's work. We will have a rain barrel painting project, with a raffle at the end.

- **Actions:** John to organize paint project. Dolores will man the event.

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