

## **South Berwick Conservation Commission**

### **May 25, 2011 - Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** John Klossner, Marilyn Ladner, Steve Bayse, Pat Robinson, and Smilie Rogers

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** None

**Next Meeting:** June 22, 2011

**Minutes of April 27, 2011:** Smilie Rogers provided the minutes from April 27<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn moved to accept the minutes. John seconded the motion. All approved.

**Mail:** None

**Open Space Planning:** Pat reviewed the draft map of South Berwick provided by Sue Bickford (Wells Reserve). The map will be used for initial open space planning discussions with citizens as we collect their input. Commission discussed additional labels/identifiers and types of properties that should be represented.

Commission plans to use the South Berwick Hot Summer Nights concert series as an opportunity to interact with citizens and collect their input and feedback on what they feel open space is, areas of the town that are important to them for preservation/open space, etc. Smilie will create a draft survey that can be used to collect the input of the South Berwick citizens.

Commission to submit a request to the Planning Board, with copy to the Town Council, asking for their input on the Open Space Plan as well.

**Earth Day road clean-up:** Although participation was felt to be low, approximately 1/3 of the large dumpsters was collected. This does not account for some additional waste that was separated and placed in the appropriate recycling bins.

**Annual well water testing:** Samples were collected by the Commission on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. 13 samples were received for testing.

**Planning Board:** John reported that there are no items of interest/discussion for the Conservation Commission presently.

**Vaughan Woods:** Pat reviewed with the Commission the present status of the beetle purchases to combat the woolly adelgid. Pat made a motion that the motion of last month be amended to change the Conservation Commission donation amount from \$338.10 to \$313.00. John seconded. Four members approved, Marilyn abstained due to the fact that the donation will be made to the State of Maine (as Vaughan Woods is a State park).

Commission discussed creating and posting educational posters concerning the woolly adelgid , the beetles, the cost of purchasing the beetles, and how individuals can donated monies toward the cost. Pat made a motion that up to \$25 be spent on the creation of and printing of posters for this. Smilie seconded. All approved. John will create a draft poster.

**Mail:** None

**On Going Business:**

**Town Forest:** John is facilitating a meeting with Forester David Parker and the Scout Master to identify forest work and projects that the scouts can accomplish.

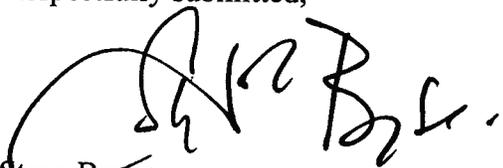
**Mt. Agamenticus:** Pat had forwarded the April Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee minutes to the Conservation Commission members for review.

**New Business:**

“Tiddy Town” suggestion from a resident during the Earth Day clean-up. Apparently a competition between communities in Ireland. Marilyn to look into additional information about the event.

**Invasive species control:** As a result of a resident request, Commission discussed the creating of an informational pamphlet and/or website posting that discussed the prominent invasive species in the area and ways that they can be controlled. Pat was aware of a student, David Ramsey, who had already collected some information on this and may be interested in becoming more involved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Steve Bayse