

## South Berwick Conservation Commission

### June 22, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

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

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** None

**Next Meeting:** July 27, 2011

**Minutes of May 25, 2011:** John moved to accept the minutes. Marilyn seconded the motion. All approved.

**Mail:** None

John provided a summary to the members of the Great Works Regional Land Trust's (GWRLT) Shorey Brook project, which he had attended earlier in the day. The project consists of a dam removal and restoration project. The 4.3-mile-long brook flows through the 27-acre Raymond & Simone Savage Wildlife Preserve along Route 101 and forms the border between South Berwick and Eliot. Just above the impoundment created by the dam, there is a badly eroded culvert that crosses Route 101 that would be a continued barrier to fish passage. The Maine DOT has agreed to replace the culvert with a structure that will allow fish passage.

Conservation Commission's input for the Quamphegan is due by July 18<sup>th</sup>. Steve to provide a draft article and submit to Pat. Activities to include: open space planning, Town forest, and woolly adelgid.

#### **On Going Business:**

##### **Open Space Planning:**

Smilie had created and provided a survey to be used to collect the input of the South Berwick citizens. Following our review and discussion, it was requested that Smilie and Marilyn review and revise the survey and resend to the members.

**Vaughan Woods:** John had created a draft poster concerning the woolly adelgid and reviewed printing and lamination costs. Monies had been approved as reflected in the May 2011 minutes.

**Town Forest:** John reported that he met with Forester David Parker and Scout Master Paul Serano at the Town Forest to review work that is necessary and to determine the Scout's level of interest. Post-harvest clean-up, signage, trail maintenance, etc.

The Scouts have asked if they would be able to use the Forest for camping. Steve to contact Town Fire Chief to discuss and obtain his view on the possibility of allowing a campfire. Pat to email Roberta( asst town manager) and Town Manager concerning their view of a permit for use process.

Steve and Smilie to explore other Town Forest procedures for camping and/or camp fires as a means of ideas for our Forest, if allowed (i.e. Salem, NH Town Forest).

**Mt. Agamenticus:** Pat reported that there was no May Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee meeting; therefore no minutes were forwarded to the Commission.

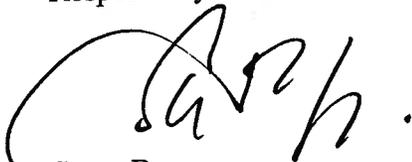
**Invasive species control:** Discussed the creation of "fact sheets" on local invasive species that could be posted in the Town website. David Ramsey's son (student just entering high school) who had already collected some information on this and he may be interested in becoming more involved.

**Garden Club:** It was noted that the signs in the post office area gardens have been installed.

**New Business:**

A general discussion on fostering continuous road improvement/clean-up by providing a means of disposal of road side trash/debris on an ongoing basis.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Steve Bayse