**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**December 12, 2011**

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**Meeting Opened**: 07:00 pm

**Members Present**: Sue Foote, Dick Dodge and Judie Walker.

 Approval of the minutes from November 28, 2011 meeting.

*Motion: Sue Foote*

 *Dick Dodge seconded*

 *Passed unanimously*

**Dredge and fill applications/permits**:

* NHDES sent the Conservation Commission a three page Restoration Plan Approval letter regarding NH DES Wetland Bureau File No. 2011-03059, Town of Seabrook- Sewer Department with the criteria of what must be done. November 2, 2011 DES received a “Wetlands Restoration Plan” by Altus Engineering Inc. for the property located at within the right of way on Town of Seabrook Tax Map 40. This site has been the subject of DES enforcement action for filling a palustrine forested wetland without a permit from DES. By June 1, 2012, approximately 55 sq feet of wetland, 4,120 sq ft of bank impact and 8,200 sq ft of disturbed area shall be restored, monitored and managed in accordance with the Restoration Plan and all project descriptive details submitted to the DES on November 2, 2011 and dated October 27, 2011 by Gove Environmental Services, Inc.

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**Mail:**

* Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire sent the Conservation Commission a copy of their Quarterly Report. In the newsletter there is an article about saving Batchelder Farm in Hampton. Hampton will need $99,000 to conserve Batchelder Farm. For generations Hampton residents and visitors have enjoyed the scenic beauty, abundant wildlife, and agricultural value of the Batchelder Farm which is located on Exeter Road. The Town of Hampton and Southeast Land Trust have nearly completed the permanent protection of these sweeping scenic views, but they must raise $99,000 to conserve the 120-acres.
* West Environmental, Inc sent the Conservation Commission a copy of a letter sent to Frank Richardson of NHDES regarding File# 2011-01390 Riley Family Real Estate Trust located at 148 Ocean Boulevard. They have submitted a revised plan in the response to the concerns raised by the Conservation Commission. They will be removing 1,000 square feet of pavement and the proposed planting of that area with grass. This area provides mitigation for the proposed pool area as requested. They have also included the removal of bittersweet along the northeast property boundary and the relocation of any native dune plants from the proposed pool area to the adjacent dune area in the southeast corner of the Riley property.

**Other:**

* Shooting Range Sign: Several years ago there was a motion to put signage at the Towns Forrest that is also being used for the Shooting Range. The Conservation Commission would like reaffirm the past intent to dedicate up to $2,000 for signage and safety vests.

 *Motion***:** *Sue Foote*

 *Seconded Dick Dodge*

 *Passed unanimously*

* Kelly O’Connor sent a memo out reminding all departments that their annual report is due to her by Monday January 16, 2012.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: January 9, 2012

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary