**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**May 23, 2011**

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**Meeting Opened: 7:07 pm**

**Members Present: Sue Foote, Dick Dodge, Mike Colin, Helen Lalime, Ivan Eaton, Sr. and Judie Walker**

**Members Absent: Jesse Fowler**

**Approval of the minutes from May 09, 2011 meeting.**

***Motion*: *Helen Lalime***

***Dick Dodge Seconded***

***Passed unanimously***

**Dredge and Fill Applications/permits:**

* **Permittee: Delta & Delta Realty Trust, for Demoulas 380 Lafayette Road Route 1 Seabrook (Southgate Plaza) Seabrook Tax Map/Lot No. 8/1. Dredge and fill 7,750 square feet of wetlands for the redevelopment of an existing shopping center. The plan is still in front of the Planning Board. A copy of this permit will be submitted to the Planning Board.**
* **A copy of the permit application for Ledge Road Tax Map 5 Lot 8-5 for James Falconer for utility crossing to a residential building. They are impacting approximately 1,842 square feet of forested wetlands.**

**Rail Trail update:**

* **Helen Lalime informs the Conservation Commission of the upcoming fundraiser a Bike Swap at the Community Center on Memorial Day Monday May 30, 2011.**

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**Mail:**

* **The Conservation Commission received an invitation to the Scamman Farm in Stratham for the Conservation Celebration and Cookout on Saturday June 4, 2011. The Scamman Farm was conserved in 2011 through a partnership of the Southeast Land, the Town of Stratham, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Scamman Family. It is a beautiful setting to celebrate the more than 850 acres protected in the past year!**
* **The Conservation Commission received a copy of the agenda of the upcoming Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Wednesday May 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The upcoming cases are:**
* **Case# 2011-002 Viva La Video to permit sales of Adult Novelties.**
* **Case# 2011-005 Sandra & Ernest Welch 78A South Main Street, to allow family apartment in Zone 2R.**
* **Case#2011-006 Demoulas Supermarkets Inc. 380 Lafayette Road, for a variance to Article VI & VII (Retail Parking/Width of Greenbelt) to permit parking ratio of 4.65 space/1000 square feet and no greenbelt along a portion of Lafayette Road in Zone 2.**
* **Case 2011-007 12-16 New Zealand Road, LLC 14 New Zealand Road, Map 7.**

**Other:**

* **There was discussion about whether or not the Town will be stalking Cains Brook Pond. The Town would need to see what kind of fish are in the pond. There are ways to find out what kind of fish are in the pond. One way is with an electric shock the shock hits and the fish float to the top and you can see what type of fish they are. The Town does not want to introduce the same fish that is in the pond already. To stalk the pond you need to go to Brentwood with a tank and aerator, otherwise to have delivery a minimum of 150 fish have to be purchased. There was also discussion about stalking Tri-Town pond off of Frances Drive where there is better parking.**

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* **Helen Lalime discussed having a problem with Secord’s Pond, Muskrats being a pest and there are trees falling in the pond.**
* **There was discussion about the people feeding the ducks at Cains Pond, there should be signage Don’t Feed the Ducks. The ducks will contaminate the water and the grounds abutting it.**

**Date of next meeting: June 27, 2011**

**Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm**

**Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary**