

## **Meeting Minutes - York Conservation Commission**

**Date: December 11, 2012**

**Attending: Mike Mahlman, Ana Gray, Bob Tilley, Jeff Normandin, Gregory Baker, Linda Scotland**

- 1- Minutes from October 17 and November 20 will be sent out via email for approval this week.
- 2- Linda Scotland gave the commission an update for both the CNRA and the L2L subcommittee. The CNRA will be getting the long awaited recommendations in March 2013 as a result of the \$35,000 study conducted over the last 2 years. Linda gave a summary of the 20 year effort to clean up the CNR culminating in this study's recommendations. Linda indicated the specific recommendations that will be announced in March will likely be contentious and political. For this reason it will be important to make clear that the L2L educational efforts are a separate commission from the CNRA. The L2L subcommittees' focus is to create a positive educational message to the community. The L2L effort is not related to what may be controversial CNR clean-up recommendations to address the violation of the Clean Water Act that has evolved over many years.
- 3- As a result of Dave Tibbetts recent departure from the CC, we voted on new officers for the commission. We voted unanimously that Mike Mahlman would be chairman, Bob Tilley would be secretary, and Ana Grey would remain treasurer. We are hoping and planning that both Jeff N and Gregory B will be appointed by the selectmen to the CC this month.
- 4- The CC web page is now functional and Mike M will update as previously identified. Going forward the CC team will be able to check the page for minutes and the time and agenda for the next meeting.
- 5- We briefly reviewed again the areas we want to focus on for the remainder of this fiscal year outlined below. We will begin identifying the work required and delegate beginning at our next meeting on 1/8/13.
  - a. Establish an effective interface with the Planning Board and the development application process.
  - b. Advocate and lobby for the ordinance revisions we presented to the Planning Board in May/June 2012.
  - c. Community education projects.
  - d. Reconnect the CC with all appropriate associations and town departments.
  - e. Publish and distribute to residents a new septic system educational flyer.
  - f. Re start/redo the previous 'no idling' effort.
  - g. Investigate what would be involved in building a CC database (as developed for South Berwick by Jeff N).

- 6- We reviewed the project plans for both the Pine Ledge and Paolini Subdivision applications. Ana and Mike will attend the 12/13 Planning Board Meeting to hear more details on each of the applications and report back to the CC.
  
- 7- Our next scheduled meetings will be 1/8/13 and 1/22/13. We will plan to meet twice per month for at least the first 3-4 months of 2013 to build some momentum on the identified work areas.