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**Minutes  
Conservation Commission  
Tuesday May 10, 2011  
7:00pm**

**Present:**      **Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair, Member (voting)**  
                 **Tad Putney, Member Selectmen's Representative (voting)**  
                 **Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate, voting for Jay (voting)**

**Absent: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman and Jay Chrystal, Member.**

**7:00pm Meeting Start**

**Purchase of Fessenden Property behind Sunoco H-127 and H-101**

**Therry** announced the BCC had received the check from the Nissitissit River Land Trust in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of H-127 and H-101.

**Lake Host 2011 Season**

In Attendance for this discussion Jennifer Brooks (Lake Host Program), Alex Brooks, Taylor Landry, Chiara Secules, and Eric Secules.

**Jennifer** said she and JW had figured they would need about \$3,800 total for the Lake Host payroll. **Tad** said the Conservation Commission budgeted \$2,400 for the Lake Host Program and we were just granted \$1,500. They will be sending a check out to the NH Lakes Association next week.

**Jennifer** said she will let the kids in attendance introduce themselves. **Alex Brooks** said he is 18 years old and his father (JW Brooks) introduced him to the program in March, he was not a lake host last year.

**Taylor Landry** said he will be 18 years old in August and was not a lake host last year. **Eric Secules** said he is 17 years old and did not participate in the Lake Host Program last year. **Chiara Secules** said she is 19 years old will be attending McGill University majoring in Biology and did not participate in the Lake Host Program last year either. **Jennifer** said they will all be attending training in Concord NH on May 21, 2011 and they will start the Lake Host Program on Memorial Day weekend 5/27/2011 and would like it to run through Labor Day Weekend. They will be at the boat launch from Friday night through Sunday night in four hour shifts.

**Therry** said last year they inspected about 1,000 boats and they caught fanwort before it was introduced to the lake. The Lake host program is an essential program for the protection of the lake.

**Eric** asked if there would only be one person on duty at a time. **Jennifer** said they have volunteers that will be there with the kids. They have about 7 adult volunteers. Last year they started out with a lot more but as the summer went on there were less and less.

**Therry** asked Jennifer if they could pass along some educational brochures to the Conservation Commission. They should also put some educational material in the newspapers for the boaters so they

understand why the lake hosts are there. **Jennifer** said yes they will and they will also put an ad in the paper that states they will be looking for volunteers. **Tad** said they can also put it on the yahoo group and Darrell Philpot (Selectmen) created an informational website [www.brookline.uservoice.com](http://www.brookline.uservoice.com) you could also add ideas and suggestions to.

**Tad** said last years treatment really worked well. They may see another treatment in the fall but maybe not depending on any milfoil regrowth. This program is very important to help keeping the lake milfoil free.

**Jennifer** said there is also a weed watchers program that they will be looking for volunteers for. She and JW kayak on the lake often so they will volunteer for that also. They split the lake up into quadrants and each volunteer checks their own quadrant for any sign of milfoil and reports directly to the State. We should only need 4 total volunteers for that. The Board thanked everyone for coming in.

**Therry** asked Eric to vote for Jay. **Eric** agreed.

#### **Possible new Member**

**Eric** asked Evan if he wished to discuss becoming a Member or Alternate of the BCC tonight. **Evan** said he thought it would make sense to wait until there are more members in attendance. **Therry** said that was a good idea, she will not be at the next meeting but votes yes in advance to making Evan a member or an alternate of the Conservation Commission.

**Tad made a motion to adjourn at 8:00. Eric Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.**

**Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Vice-Chair, Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tad Putney, Member Selectmen's Representative, Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate, voting for Jay** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes submitted by Kristen Austin**

**Next meeting will be held on June 14, 2011**