

## Allenstown Conservation Commission

**Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2005**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Allenstown Town Hall**

### Minutes

The meeting began at 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Jenna Gray, Al Heavey, Dave Evans and Laura Bonk

**1. Approve the minutes of the 10/12/05 meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of 10/12/05 by L. Bonk seconded by A. Heavey. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Welcome to Allenstown Signs**

J. Gray reported that the 3 signs were installed on Main St., Rt. 28 and and Rt. 3. The Allenstown Highway Department installed the signs. Emily Barrett allowed a sign on her land. Armand Verville donated his labor to make the signs.

*Action Items:*

✓ J. Gray will write an article for the Hooksett Banner.

**3. 14 Albin Ave. illegal discharge into the Suncook River.**

A representative from NH DES visited the site. The ConCom received a letter from the NH DES Wetlands Bureau stating that the violation was supposedly fixed and they would be reinspecting the site to verify compliance.

**4. Gas Pipeline Repair Project—Confluence of Suncook and Merrimack Rivers.**

The NH DES Wetlands Bureau assigned a permit number #2005-01826 to this project.

Representatives of Tennessee Gas Pipeline (an El Paso Company) will contact L. Bonk when the work is set to begin. L. Bonk will be present if it is feasible.

**5. R2C2 Meeting**

J. Gray attended the 10/05 R2C2 meeting in Concord at the CNHRPC offices. Attendance has been very poor at these meetings. All ConCom commissioners are welcome to attend. This is a free training and idea exchange opportunity. L. Bonk has completed her 2 years as a voting member and she is resigning this position.

**6. NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting**

J. Gray and L. Bonk attended this annual meeting on November 5, 2005 in Concord. J. Gray attended workshops on invasive species, wetlands applications, changing landscape, and natural communities. L. Bonk attended workshops on municipal conservation funding and wetlands violations.

**7. RSA 80:80 and Law Title III Section 50:1**

L. Bonk distributed copies of the regulation and law listed above. These establish the legal process to convert land taken from tax liens to town parks. This must be voted on by the town. For further assistance the Local Government Center can be reached at 1-800-852-3358.

**8. 2 Albin Ave. Cartop Boat Launch**

J. Gray reiterated that the Allenstown Selectmen do not want a deed search done by the Allenstown town attorney at this time. There was continued discussion about a warrant article to preserve this land for public access to the Suncook River.

*Action Items:*

- ✓ D. Evans will draft a warrant article with the assistance of the Local Government Center.

**9. Map 112-Lot 4, formerly Allenstown owned land (Land Swop)**

There was continued discussion regarding a former Allenstown owned land located behind School St. The tax parcel number is Map 112-Lot 4. L. Bonk summarized the conversations with town residents who are concerned how this parcel was transferred to an individual without notifying the abutters. J. Gray spoke with Kelly Collins regarding deed searches for other town owned parcels. Allenstown employees will not be able to do this. L. Bonk received a polite email stating the same.

*Action Items:*

- ✓ D. Evans will visit the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds to investigate the ownership history of the 2 parcels involved in the 1992 land swop. There is a rumor that a man by the name of Levy Ladd donated the land behind the Allenstown Elementary School and it was not involved in a land swop with Roger Bedard.

**10. Fall Project**

There was discussion of having a guided hike in Bear Brook State Park with D. Evans. Due to rifle season, it was decided to postpone this hike until winter.

*Action Items:*

- ✓ L. Bonk will contact Eric Orff to ascertain if he is interested in leading this hike.

**11. Review, Process and Distribute Mail Received**

Letters/Announcements/Newsletters were received from:			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Action</u>

**12. Adjournment and Confirmed Next Meeting:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is Wed., December 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Allenstown Town Hall