

# MEETING MINUTES

## ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> , 5:30 pm

**Members present: Rob Nadler, Jack Rose Dick VanDyne, Josephine Howland, Cort Hansen, Steve Knox Alternate. Public: Dave Schurman – property abbutor.**

Rob called the meeting to orders at 5:35 pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 7/10 meeting. Jack moved and Dick seconded the motion and with no discussion the board approved minutes of the 7/10/12 meeting 5-0.

Rob said that the final draft of the conservation management plan had been prepared by USVLT. He asked for opinions regarding snow machine use on the forest. It was agreed to limit it to the open area where historical use has primarily.

Steve moved to endorse the USVLT management plan draft. The board agreed.

Rob said that he had a final tally of logging receipts totaling \$48,811.82 which made it \$188.18 short of the required amount needed to pay off the Trust for Public Land (TPL). This was due to the lower than anticipated market prices for timber this year. Rob said that the forester Don Johnson, indicated that there would be another approximately \$4,000.00 of income from further fall cutting of the property around the USFS adjacent to Rt. 16-112 and around the ski jump. He said that Don Johnson would come up with a logging plan for the Bald Hill property.

Rob explained that the next requirement would be to schedule a public hearing on the payment to TPL. Following that hearing, the board would vote to make the payment with the selectman's approval and the town would then make payment. Rob said that he would ask TPL for a reduction in the payment due to the lower than projected revenue and see if they were willing.

Rob told the board about his meeting Todd Marshall and about their discussion about leasing the field for haying or other crop use. He indicated that the board needed to determine how big is the field area and let Todd Marshall know. Todd would then evaluate his expenses and see if such an arrangement would be beneficial.

Steve said that he had talked to UNH Cooperative Extension's Bill Lord and he intended to meet Bill on the fields on 7/14 at 2:00 pm. Steve suggest anyone interested could join them. Bill Lord will be bringing updated soil maps for our use at that time.

The next meeting was determined to be Tuesday, September 4th at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting ended at 6:40 pm.

Cort Hansen, Board Secretary.