

**Minutes of the Peterborough Conservation Commission Meeting
August 18, 2011, Town House Peterborough, 7 p.m.**

Present: Jo Anne Carr, Swift Corwin, John Kerrick, Matt Lundsted, John Patterson,
Francie Von Mertens, Robert Wood

Minutes for the July 21 site visit to the PSNH substation were approved as was reimbursing Dick Fernald for the annual mowing of the Cheney Avenue field. Mr. Fernald collects donations towards the mowing each year from field abutters, deposits them in the ConCom's LAMF fund, and is reimbursed this time each year when he contracts and pays for the field mowing.

Officers

Members approved Von Mertens and Patterson as co-chairs and Kerrick as secretary including continuing on as meeting chair.

Wetlands Overlay Zone

Regarding apparent recent disturbance in the Wetlands Protection Overlay Zone near the Agway compost/soil piles, Kerrick will do a site visit and Carr will query NRCS (US Natural Resources Conservation Services) for best management practices relevant to buffering wetland impacts. Corwin and Wood will convey various options to the landowner in the shared interest of wetlands protection. Kerrick will oversee follow-up.

Land Stewardship

Corwin will talk with Rodney Bartlett about town mowing the Burke Road field and the Walcott blueberry field.

Vernal Pools

Brett Thelen from AVEO (Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory) has proposed doing the vernal pool mapping project that the Keene Conservation Commission helped oversee in Peterborough. Properties mapped were town-owned conservation lands as well as other conservation lands with interested owners.

After discussion, members agreed to invite Thelen to the next ConCom meeting.

Other

Von Mertens reminded members that interest was expressed in the past for workgangs on town conservation land.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m. at the Town House.