

**TOWN OF GREENSBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (GCC)**

Meeting at Greensboro Free Library, Friday, April 26, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Erika Karp (chair), Clive Gray (clerk), Kristen Leahy, Linda Shatney
Absent: Mark McGrath, Tim Short

Natural Resource Booklet

Clive reported on the April 16 meeting in Hardwick of the interagency committee chaired by Susie Houston, chair of the Northern Rivers Land Trust. Represented at the meeting were the NRLT, GCC, GLT, and Craftsbury and Woodbury Conservation Commissions. It was noted that no one from Hardwick attended. Clive noted that Hardwick people at the NRLT board meeting on April 25 had expressed interest in the project.

Clive said committee members agreed it was important to keep Susan Sawyer of Woodbury, the author of the Woodbury Natural History booklet, involved, and since such work is part of Susan's profession, she is entitled to ask for compensation. Modest amounts are needed to keep Susan involved until the committee comes up with a budget and grant application. The NRLT appropriated \$100 at its April 25 meeting. The GCC, GLT and CCC are being asked to contribute. Clive said \$50 would be sufficient for the time being.

Erika moved that the GCC request the Selectboard to appropriate \$50 from the Greensboro Conservation Fund at its upcoming meeting on May 8. Kristen seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously. Clive agreed to email the request to the Town Clerk and attend the Selectboard meeting to support it.

GCC binder in Town Offices

Kristen said she was maintaining a binder of Commission minutes and other materials in her office (Development Review Board). She said Town commission minutes are now being placed on-line at the Town website and people are encouraged to use it as the primary source of information on Town business. She will place future GCC minutes on the site.

Caspian feeder streams

Linda reported on the activities of this GLT working group. It met recently with Jim Ryan of ANR, and is planning a hike along the main feeder streams on May 2nd. GCC members are welcome to participate, subject to a limit that working group chair Rick Yeiser may feel necessary to place on numbers.

Linda displayed colored maps of Caspian watersheds that Rick had procured. It was agreed these should be put online at the Town website.

Caspian lakeshore

The GCC subcommittee on the lake met recently at Tim Short's with Andy Dales and Willie Smith. *Inter alia* it discussed build-up of silt at various deltas. The topic of Eurasian milfoil was raised, but we agreed this is not something the Commission should deal with.

Erika reported that she and Willie Smith had walked along the lake's southeastern shore on April 22nd to inspect the condition of berms.

Town planning and zoning

Kristen explained that the Planning Commission is meeting weekly to update the current Town Plan that was approved by the Selectboard in November 2012. The Development Review Board (DRB--formerly called Board of Zoning Adjustment) recommends changes to zoning by-laws in accordance with guidelines approved by the Planning Commission. Kristen described some of the proposals under consideration, e.g. that an existing lakeshore house can be added onto but not demolished unless a certified contractor reports it has succumbed to rot.

We discussed the Lakeshore Protection Act under consideration in the legislature, and existing and proposed regulations concerning cutting of trees on the lakeshore, including on remaining berms. Kristen noted that inadequate resources are available to enforce current regulations.

Next meeting

The chair will email members regarding alternative times as business arises.

Respectfully submitted
Clive Gray, 4-27-13