

# **Scituate Conservation Commission**

**October 11, 2005**

## **Official Minutes**

**Attendees: Christopher Modisette, Thomas Angell, Paul Dolan, Cheryl Dexter, Jon Vernava and Cynthia Gianfrancesco**

**Absent: Ruth Strach**

**Guests:**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.**

**The minutes to the September 13, 2005 meeting of the Conservation Commission were accepted as corrected by Mr. Dolan, seconded by Mr. Angell. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**There were no matters from the public.**

### **Financial Reports:**

**An updated appraisal will be done on the Nipmuc property. Ads were placed in the Providence Journal in the amount of \$417.71 for the town financial meeting approval of purchasing the development rights for Knight Farms. Handouts (from Sir Speedy) for Knight Farm were deducted in the amount of \$85.82.**

## **Old Business:**

**The Property Committee reviewed a property line bordering Lawton Farm. A new homeowner has questions regarding the stonewall, barbed wire and brush. They will address these issues with the homeowner.**

**A new resident on Seven Mile Road is dumping brush and debris on town property. The committee will address this issue also.**

**Mr. Modisette, Mr. Dolan and Mr. Angell will make an appointment to view both of the above properties on Thursday, October 13, 2005.**

**Mr. Earl Adams has not submitted payment for the haying contract for Lawton Farm for the 2004 haying year. The hay was cut and removed in that year. The old contract will be reviewed for failure to perform. Mr. Dolan will send another letter to Mr. Adams.**

**A date for signage installation has been set for Westconnaug Meadows, November 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Supplies will need to be ordered from Country Builders.**

**Reimbursement for the signage will be received from the Trail Grant at 100 percent.**

## **2005/2006 Programs:**

**A State Forestry Workshop will be held at the Potterville Fire Station on November 12, 2005 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on orange striped oak worms. The commission will have a walk at Indian Rock following this workshop at 11:30 a.m.**

**Mr. Modisette spoke with Mr. Roger Thorsen in regard to speaking at a workshop on stonewalls. He is currently unavailable.**

**A winter walk is tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2006. Ken Webber could possibly be available as the tracker for this event at Lawton Farm.**

## **Land Acquisition:**

**A revised appraisal for Scituate Highlands was received. Mr. Provonsil states that the developers have submitted a new layout. The property needs to meet the criteria for flexible zoning. The town has received a grant for the property because we will protect the land that drains into the Scituate Reservoir. This grant is for Open Space Recreation. The city of Providence and the Champlin Foundation may participate in this grant. The developers for Scituate Highlands will revisit the Planning Commission to see if flexible zoning will work**

**on this project.**

**Correspondence:**

**Membership information was received from the Rhode Island Tree Council. Mr. Angel moved, seconded by Ms. Dexter to submit membership fee. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment:**

**Mr. Dolan moved to adjourn at 9:08 p.m., seconded by Mr. Angell. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Patricia M. Russo**