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Town of Grantham  
Grantham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2010

Chairman Richard L. Hocker called the Conservation Committee meeting to order on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:07 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Room at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

PRESENT

Chairman Richard L. (Dick) Hocker  
Andy Eastman  
Jeremy Turner  
Pat Woolson (Alt)  
Joe Watts (Alt)

ABSENT

Merle Schotanus

Members of the Public: None

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Richard Hocker asked the Committee members if they had reviewed the minutes from the August 23, 2010 meeting and if there were any additions/corrections. Jeremy Turner stated that under "Other Business"; page 2, paragraph 3; "Hocker stated that he was hoping that Jeremy Turner would take a look at the property" should be worded that he had looked at the property. Hocker apologized and said Turner was correct and that it would be corrected in the minutes.

*Motion was made by Jeremy Turner and second by Pat Woolson to approve the minutes of August 23, 2010. Unanimously Approved*

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

***Planning for Conservation sub-committee continued discussion (grant effort):***

Chair Richard Hocker stated the grant writing and the GCC efforts to initiate the wetlands inventory tasks that were discussed at last meeting and asked members to look at the grant application. Hocker said Merle Schotanus made the effort to complete the application along with a few minor changes from Pat Woolson and himself to pull this together. Hocker stated that of the three (3) letters of support requested; only one had been received, and that was from the Grantham Zoning Board of Adjustment. Hocker asked the members if there were any questions.

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Jeremy Turner stated his question was regarding the inventory initiative, being such a big project would probably take a few years to complete, how is the issue of private/ public land handled if the owners are not interested in the inventory process. Hocker stated at this time he could not answer that question but guessed that would be something addressed on an owner-to-owner basis.

Hocker went on to say that he was hoping to have information needed completed by October 1, 2010 to apply for the grant. Hocker told Committee members it would be very helpful to get all the support they can get; all agreed and there was further discussion amongst them.

### ***Springfield – Grantham collaboration:***

Chair Hocker said there were two areas of interest as was briefed by Pat Woolson at the last meeting, one being the conservation of the 150 acre Spurling property adjacent to Eastman Well Fields. Hocker said he had been in contact with John Tracy with the possibility of funds from Village District (Dave Wright) and will try reaching him again in a few days. Hocker said the second issue with training; again he will be in contact with John Tracy.

### ***Flewelling property activity – Annual Walk:***

Chair Hocker stated he is still waiting for a time for everyone involved to take this walk, which was discussed at GCC's last meeting in August. Hocker said that possibly Selectmen Connie Jones would be joining them. Jeremy Turner said that he would like to participate. Hocker told Committee members the walk would take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and where they would meet was discussed.

### ***Update on Romano Property activity:***

Chair Hocker stated as indicated at the last meeting that the walk took place with Kevin McManus and Sherry Noyes with the help of Joe Watts and his ATV. Hocker said that he had received an email from McManus that he would try and comply with getting an appraisal for the GCC before their next potential meeting with Tara Romano on or about October 10<sup>th</sup>. Hocker said that Brian Holtz had been in contact with Romano and had an extended conversation with her regarding proposed activities. There was further discussion amongst Committee members with the interest of conserving the Romano property.

### ***Smith Lot Forest Management Plan:***

Jeremy Turner stated the Smith Lot was in draft form and can be delivered to the Committee within the week. Hocker thanked Turner.

### ***Frog Pond status:***

Chair Hocker said that he had received input from Ken Ryder, which stated that until he (Ryder) is finished assessing his problem of ditch material placement, this project is on

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hold. Hocker said that ditch material is a common problem in the Town of Grantham and hopefully would be resolved in time.

### ***Tom Vogel resignation:***

Chair Hocker stated that as most of the Committee members knew Tom Vogel has chosen to resign and turned in his resignation at the last Selectmen's meeting. Hocker said on behalf of the GCC he would like to thank Tom Vogel for his time invested. Hocker told the Committee members there had been another individual possibly interested in joining the GCC.

### **HANDOUTS**

None

### **AJOURNMENT**

Chair Richard Hocker asked the members if anyone had any more questions. There being none motion was made by Pat Woolson and second by Jeremy Turner; ***the committee voted unanimously adjourn at 7:40 p.m.***

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 2010 in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha M. Menard*  
*Clerk*