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erty which required a signed permit. Therefore, the Commission arranged to visit the property.

View Group Work: Susan Schnare presented the Introduction to the Proposed Steep Slopes and Ridgeline Protection Ordinances. There was general discussion and a consensus that the Conservation Commission should ask the Planning Board to look at the Ordinances. In order for the Ordinances to be put on the Ballot, hearings must be posted and held two weeks apart. We will ask Mary Anne Broshek to call Don Gould to pass on the concerns of the Conservation Commission.

Beaver Deceiver: Nan Kaplan reported that Skip Lisle had completed his work on the beaver control devices in the box culvert areas on Elbow Pond Road. We have not yet received his bill for the work done. There were two complete devices installed upstream of two culverts, and an additional piping device was installed downstream. The work will be funded by the Andover Conservation Commission and by voluntary donations.

Monitoring of Conservation Easements: The Newman Easement was monitored by several members of the Conservation Commission, who met with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKenna to view their property. New signage and gates were in evidence. The requirements of the easement are being met. Bob Ward filled out and submitted the LCHIP monitoring forms.

The Fenvale Easement was monitored by Nan Kaplan and Sandra Graves and a guest. The property is in

good shape. The path around the pond had been blazed, which made the walk a pleasure. Moose tracks and fresh droppings were noted. The Cub Scouts are not using the circle area any more. It appeared that the heron rookery may no longer be occupied due to natural decay of the nesting trees.

Tina Cotton reported that David Pilla and Proctor Academy students will be conducting a wildlife studies project in the prime wetland area of Bog Pond. They will be comparing changes using the field sheets from the wetland project done by Derek Mansell and Susan Schnare 20 years ago.

Tina presented the Natural Resources Inventory which she had compiled on a compact disk. We reviewed the work she has done to this date ... 125 pages in all.

December 10

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan

Also attending was Pat Moyer as potential candidate for Commission

Treasurer's Report – The budget request will remain the same for the upcoming year.

Correspondence

Letter from DES to Dave Pilla regarding the culvert work on Blackwater Lane. This application was pulled by Proctor. DES notes that a new application will be required if the work is to be done.

DES notification to Eric and Heidi Johnson that their "Notification of Forest Management or Timber Harvest Activities Having Minimum Wetlands

Impact" is considered sufficient and that work may begin with the provisions listed in the letter.

DES letter to Dan Allen regarding ongoing discussion of Rail Trail work and need for more specific information regarding wetlands.

DES Notice of Closure and Release of Recordation relative to the Green logging operation done by Shaun Hathaway. DES states that the property has been stabilized.

Letter from the Highland Lake Protective Association regarding damage at the town beach due to ice fishing. Mary Anne will check with Dana to see what action the Selectmen plan on taking.

Article from *The Weirs Times* in opposition to the 2008 Shore Land Protection Act.

Review of Action Items

List of conserved lands – map and lot number – Tina will get copies to all CC members.

Public Water supply regulations – Bob – still outstanding

Letter of Concern on DOT work – Bob – still outstanding

Map of Conserved lands and Current use lands – Ed – Mary Anne will contact Ed to get a progress report.

List of conserved lands on Granite – September 12 e-mail from Tina regarding the map of Andover Conserved Lands. A review of these lands will be an agenda item at a future meeting. Tina will provide the e-mails she sent to Ed.

SB 381

We discussed this law passed in 2008. Carol Andrews from the State Association of Conservation Commissions sent a clarifying e-mail. The point of the legislation is to remove a gray area of state law and allow town conservation funds to be used to help acquire conservation easements when a town does not wish to have a financial interest in the property. An example of a financial interest is when the town is the back-up easement holder. This means that should the primary easement holder – usually a land trust – no longer exist, the town is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the terms of the easement.

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A one-time warrant article is needed to enact this clarification. Mary Anne will meet with Selectmen to discuss the legislation and the course of action to be taken. Members will be notified of the meeting date so they can attend.

Master Plan Activity

Mary Anne reviewed the Master Plan meetings. Funding for the facilitator has now run out. Previously, the Conservation Commission voted to expend up to \$3,500 on technical assistance for Conservation-related items in the Master Plan. At the last Master Plan meeting, this technical assistance was specified as help with the section on future land use – with emphasis on those principles relating to Conservation Commission areas.

Progress continues to be slow, and the proposal up for discussion is to vote on whether the \$3,500 should be used to have the Lakes Region Planning Commission write the future land use section as unbiased, third party experts. The proposal was seconded, discussed, and approved. Mary Anne will notify Don Gould and Paul Currier of the results.

Guiding Principles 5 (views) and 6 (conserving natural resources) will be discussed on the second Monday in January. We will also be finalizing Guiding Principles 3 (promoting and preserving farming and forestry), 7 (provide choices in housing), 9 (coordinate with Proctor on plans for the future), and 10 (develop community infrastructure in village areas).

Natural Resources Inventory

The Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) is about 135 pages long. At the January meeting, Tina will do a presentation on the NRI and will review where we are. The NRI will have larger maps of each map in the body included in the appendix. Tina has given Mike Izard (Lakes Region Planning Commission) a CD of the NRI for his possible comments. Mary Anne will review the latest version and provide comments to Tina.

Smart Growth Audit

The Planning Board has indicated that they are not going to pursue the Smart Growth Audit to be conducted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). The Conservation Commission needs to decide if we would like to pursue this opportunity. Mary Anne will contact LRPC and Don Gould to continue the discussion and determine how this audit could be used to help with the Master Plan and, as suggested by Tina, how it might be able to offset the expenditure of the \$3,500 set aside for technical expertise.

Note: An application for the Smart Growth Audit was submitted on December 31, 2008 as the combined effort of Mary Anne, Don Gould, and Paul Currier.

View Group

There are four remaining items for this project:

- Members need to submit the outstanding one-page write ups on See Cons Comm on page 21

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