Norwich Conservation Commission Approved Minutes, 18 May 2010

Present: Brian Kunz, David Hubbard, Dan Goulet, Frank Olmstead, Genevieve Morinville, Steve Gaughan, Peter Silberfarb, Craig Layne

Absent: Bill Pierce

Commencement 7:05 pm

Unanimously approved a motion by C. Layne (2nd by F. Olmstead) to elect the following slate of 2010-2011 Officers: Chair, Genevieve Morinville; Vice Chair, Frank Olmstead; Treasurer, Bill Pierce; Secretary, Craig Layne

Discussed efforts to establish a town-owned park along the Ompompanoosuc River on Campbell Flats road. Unanimously approved a motion by D. Hubbard (2nd by P. Silberfarb) to:

- (1) recommend to the selectboard that the town bid on 23 June 2010 to purchase the bank sale property on Campbell Flats road
- (2) recommend to the selectboard that \$10,000 from the conservation trust fund be used as the nonrefundable deposit for the property purchase should a town bid be accepted by the bank
- (3) recommend to the selectboard that another \$25,000 from the conservation trust fund be used towards the purchase price of the property and be subsequently reimbursed to the extent possible from the private donations raised in excess of the property purchase price minus the deposit
- (4) recommend to the selectboard that the conservation trust fund may be used as a temporary repository for the donations solicited specifically for this property purchase (5) recommend to the selectboard that if the town does take possession of the property it should have a management plan that includes establishment of recreational river access and riparian vegetation protections.

Discussed the maturation of the conservation trust fund's certificate of deposit on 3 June 2010. Currently considering placement of the trust fund into a town savings account to accommodate the potential use of a portion in the purchase of the Campbell Flats property.

Discussed the costs and feasibility of maintaining a licensed pesticide applicator on the commission. Perhaps hiring a professional applicator when needed would be more cost effective. D. Goulet will check on the rough-estimate costs of hiring a professional. Also discussed the need to make some invasive plants brochures available at Tracy Hall.

D. Hubbard reported the trails committee may make a proposal for a Youth Conservation Corp project to repair the historic Brown Schoolhouse road bridge across Charles Brown brook.

Unanimously approved a motion by C. Layne (2nd by F. Olmstead) allocating education funds in the amount of \$750 to the LEEEP riparian willow planting (\$400) and River Day (\$350) projects at Marion Cross school.

Discussed the need to re-inform some town residents that dumping refuse in ditches and leaving garbage by the roadside from a weekend visit are unacceptable and illegal.

Approved motion by P. Silberfarb (2nd by F. Olmstead) to approve the 20 April 2010 minutes.

Adjournment 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by C. Layne