

Minutes of Henniker Conservation Commission Open Space Subcommittee Meeting

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September 28, 2009

Members present: Denise Rico, Gail Beckett, Sher Kamman, Bob Stamps

Guest: Ian McSweeney

- - A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 31st meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- - Ian McSweeney of the Russell Foundation reported on the grant that property owners in Henniker received from NCRS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) Ian also explained the criteria that are required to receive the NCRS grants that are awarded on an annual basis.
- - Denise informed the committee of three gift conservation easements, the 106.07 acre Goodenough property, the 329 acre Rice property, and the approximately 100 acre Sunderland property. The grantees, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Piscataquog Land Trust, are requesting the Henniker Conservation Commission consider funding the projects' expenses and easement stewardship endowments. The Commission has contacted town counsel to make sure the proper procedure is followed for expenditures from the conservation fund.
- - Denise provided the committee with a Conservation Prioritization Model which allocates points to land features. She also provided a map which represented a final co-occurrence of resources for Henniker properties.
- - Bob presented the committee members with a draft of the Town of Henniker Conservation Plan. It was suggested that the committee members read this draft and email Bob with any suggestions or modifications that could be included for discussion at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is **November 2nd** at **7:15 PM** in the **Grange Hall**

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Beckett