

**Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Municipal Building Conference Room
1600 Atlantic Hwy
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman George Keyes at the Municipal Building at 10:10 a.m.

Attendance: Present were Claire Bowley, Jack Farlow, and Chairman George Keyes; and Town Manager Spear

2. **Minutes** of the October 3rd meeting were not prepared, owing to a lack of quorum.
3. **Restrictions on the Town Forest** were discussed (including the **Winchenbach** request for a permanent right of way). Because few details were available, no firm recommendations could be made to the Town Selectmen.
4. Charles Brock was not present to report on the status of **Part I. of the Quarry Hill Management Study**. Jack Farlow volunteered to contact Janet McMahon and communicate the results by e-mail.
5. **Farmer Spear** has requested a formal, 10-year extension for the use of the corn field on Quarry Hill. After discussion, it was decided to recommend to the Town Selectmen that entering into such a long lease was inappropriate at this time (both because the Quarry Hill Management recommendations are not yet available and also because there has been no formal bidding process for use of the field.). Even if no formal bid process was entered into this year, perhaps a shorter, one-year lease might be appropriate (to allow time for receipt and due consideration of the management study recommendations.)
6. Chairman George Keyes reported talking with the Medomak Valley **High School** principal about possibly incorporating use of the **Town Forest** into the school curriculum. He learned that a science teacher has already been using lands adjacent to the high school in a similar way. More discussions will be in order.
7. Other groups the Conservation Commission might seek to **cooperate with** include the Town Recreation Commission, the Meenagha Grange (sp?), and the Maine Farmland Trust (in addition to the Sno-Crawlers Club, the Medomak Valley Land Trust, locally-based State offices, etc.).
8. **Town Manager Spear** attended the entire meeting and contributed useful and informative insights about many of the items discussed. We thank him for his time and interest.
11. **Adjournment at 11:30 a.m.**, approved unanimously.

[Next meeting: Tuesday, **December 5th, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Town Office.]

Conservation Commission
Waldoboro, Maine:

Claire Bowley

Edward Fisher

George Keyes, Chairman

Respectfully Submitted
Jack Farlow, Secretary