Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2011

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Will Thayer (WT)
Brian Clark (BC)
Phil Lussier (PL)

Others Present: Andy Smith

The meeting is called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Review of mail.

2. Commission reviews and accepts as edited the February 23, 2011 meeting minutes.

3. Discussion and review of Steady Lane Farm RDA. J. Clark contacted WT with an application question. WT will call J. Clark regarding the Commission's response.

4. Continuation of Mass DOT NOI. The Commission opens the hearing at 8:00pm and then votes to continue the hearing to March 23, 2011 to allow additional information from Natural Heritage to be gathered.

5. Andrew Smith speaks with the Commission regarding the installation of photovoltaic panels (6 kiowatt system) on his property. He plans to install pole-mounted panels in two sections on a spot in the buffer zone. The proposed site is part of the mowed area. No trees will be cut and the topography will not be altered. Two 18" holes will be dug, as well as trenching to the house. The Commission recommends filing an RDA and explains the process to the applicant.

6. PL reports that he has received an email from the Keystone Project; they are still reviewing applications.

7. File organization project – Files will be moved from the upstairs file cabinet to the four-drawer plastic cabinet in the basement conference room. BS will weed out materials according to the official retention schedule and present them for review to the Commission.

Meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Sussbauer