June 4, 2003

Present: Susan Payne, Chairperson, Kelly Boling

Alternates: Diane Dupuis

Guests: Jack Field, Elaine Luckey, First Selectperson, Press

The Chairperson, Ms. Payne called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Diane Dupuis was seated as an alternate.

Referrals from other Commissions: none

Open Space Plan Interim Report March 2002:

Jack Field was present to go over the Open Space Plan with members. The Open Space Plan will be reissued with the term "interim" eliminated from its title and contents. The document will remain dated March 2002, because data will not be updated.

MOTION: Susan Payne made a motion to include the Open Space Steering Committee "Final Report" dated February 2000 and the Connecticut Ad Hoc Conservation Commission "Natural Resource Inventory Report and Recommendations" dated November 2000 as an intricate part of the Open Space Plan and should be incorporated into the Open Space Plan as appendixes. Kelly Boling seconded this motion and it was passed unanimously.

Susan Payne went over Section V of the Open Space Plan which dealt with the work of the Open Space Inventory Subcommittee. Susan will add information pertaining to the point system that was used to rank parcels and a map will also be added. When Ms. Payne has rewritten this section she will forward it to Jack Field. Mr. Field wants to tidy up the original Open Space Plan for grammar and spelling and it will be reissued. Copies of the reissued plan will be given to Conservation Members, the (3) selectmen, Land Use chairmen and Planimetrics. Jack Field went on to review the Executive Summary of the Open Space Plan with Conservation members.

Land Management Discussion: no discussion

Subcommittee Reports

Canoe Brook - no report

Cell Tower Update - Diane Dupuis stated that confirmation has been made of the existence of nesting sharp shinned hawks on Rabbit Hill Road, this information is being forwarded to the DEP. Ms. Dupuis informed the commission members that no application has come before the Connecticut Siting Council for the Warren cell tower site. Diane has heard of new legislation that gives towns more input for cell tower applications.

Data Management - no activity

Flora & Fauna - no report

Greenway - Susan Payne reported that there was no quorum for the June meeting. The next meeting will be a site visit on July 1 to the Falls in New Preston. Trail monitoring information will be kept in the Greenway files in the Land Use office.

Land Use Info/Welcome Pamphlet Committee - no report

Scenic Road Ordinance - no report

Water Resources - Kirby Brook evaluation - no report

Candidates for alternate on Conservation Commission - still looking

Other Business:

Susan Payne submitted a copy of "An Act Concerning Invasive Species" for the files.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Next scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is July 16th at 5:00pm.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne Secretary