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**Town of Farmington Conservation Commission**  
**July 22, 2015**

The meeting was held in the Farmington Town Hall, Council Chambers. The following Commissioners were present:

Hinze	Radacsi
Hannon	Wolf
Quigley	Isner

Also present:  
Liz Dolphin – Assistant Town Planner  
Sandy Michaud – Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 p.m. by Chairman Hinze.

**2. Other Business**

Birds

Commissioner Radacsi spoke about certain birds that nest in large areas and how those large areas are becoming scarce. He spoke of this concern regarding the proposed forestry operation. There was a brief discussion. Assistant Town Planner Dolphin stressed that the proposed cutting was a selective cut, and that no portion of the forest would be cleared. She added that given the large area of undisturbed forest in the area, there should be no long term impact to forest nesting birds.

Application Checklist

Assistant Planner Dolphin commented this can be the first project of the new Assistant Planner. There was a brief discussion about the new wetlands model regulations from the State and the need to update the Town's regulations.

Land Acquisition Committee Report

Assistant Planner Dolphin stated the Committee has new parcels for the Commission to consider adding to the Land Acquisition List. If the Commission would like to endorse adding any of them to the List they can make a motion to do so.

85 Prattling Pond – Assistant Planner Dolphin noted the three newly approved building lots do not exist until the subdivision map is filed on the land records and therefore cannot be listed. A map was handed out to show the show other open space in the area.

855 Farmington Avenue – Assistant Planner Dolphin noted as the former Battiston's Cleaners location. The Town would consider preserving as open space or cleaning it up and doing something with it. The Commissioners reviewed a map provided.

Lot 3 Scott Swamp Road – The Commission reviewed a map of the parcel, a sliver of land east of Johnson Avenue between Town of Farmington property and the Railroad R.O.W. The property owner is looking to give the land to the Town as a gift for access and future maintenance of the trail.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Isner/Hannon) it was unanimously

VOTED: To support the addition of Lot 3 (9220) Scott Swamp Road to the Land Acquisition List for the purpose recreation associated with the southern extension of the Rails-To-Trail.

**3. Planner's Report**

Assistant Planner Dolphin stated she will be staying on part time to staff the Land Acquisition Committee.

**4. Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Wolf/Radacsi) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Isner thanked Assistant Planner Dolphin for her outstanding service and dedication to the Town and the Commissions and wished her the best.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

SJM