Present: R. Bastedo, J. Branch, K. Bunch, J. Lewis, S. Macy, C. Merrick, S. Yarger, L. Birch

Previous Minutes: R. Bastedo moved that the minutes of the previous minutes be accepted. S. Yarger seconded the motion and it was unanimously Voted.

Dublin Lake: K. Bunch reported:

The Dublin Lake projects are true partnerships involving several groups, and supported by the Dublin Conservation Commission.

The Volunteer Lake Assessment Program involving quality water testing is funded by the Garden Club of Dublin, the Beech Hill/Dublin Lake Watershed Association and the Dublin Conservation Commission. The 2010 reports of participating lakes is online at the NH Dept of Environmental Services website. State budget cuts indicate that these programs are in jeopardy, and it is possible that they will be combined. The next training session is in Concord on May 21, and K. Bunch and Dede Clark will attend.

Dublin Lake Preservation Committee: John Morris is the new Chair, and the next meeting is May 26. Committee members attended the Trout Unlimited meeting last winter.

Lake Host Program: (A program to inspect boats for invasive weeds.) The program, run through the DCC, received a $1,000. grant from the New Hampshire Lake Association and a $400. grant from the NH Charitable Foundation and the Putnam Foundation for this summer. Bill Goodwin is finalizing the hiring.

Weed Watch: Dede Clark will head this program.

R. Bastedo moved that the report be accepted. L. Birch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously voted.

Open Space Planning Committee: S. Yarger reported that the Committee has created a book of Natural Resource Parcels in Dublin. This book was developed with the help of Rick Brackett. It gathers information different from and enhancing the GIS information. The book is kept at the Town Hall, and Liz Ober is available to help town residents look at a specific parcel. It will also be available in the Open Space Booth at Dublin Days. This resource book is an assessment of the natural resources of 100 parcels of land. Each parcel is shown in a satellite photo map with the property outlined.

The book includes information for each parcel about size, wet lands, streams, forests, and types of trees.
S. Yarger has been nominated Chair Person of the Open Space Committee. She is proposing the following ideas: creating web pages on the Town of Dublin web site for sharing information on the book of Natural Resource Parcels in Dublin and discussing ways open space is used, creating a listing on Face Book, and clearing and marking town trails. R. Bastedo noted that in 1860 all of Dublin was open space (meaning cleared space) because of extensive use for agriculture. The committee expands the meaning of open space to include all land that has not been developed. He also noted that resource surveys first began in this country in 1771.

There will be an article about the book of Natural Resource Parcels in Dublin in the June issue of the Dublin Advocate.

Dublin Rotary Park: J. Branch reported that the official opening will be in June. The kiosks with maps, information and history have been built. Many shrubs have been planted. The top of the hill is in the process of being cleared and a meadow created. There will be signs for the trails.

The land was given to the town in 1978 by Samuel Tamposi with the condition that it always be used for recreation. D. Burnham, who owns neighboring land, has asked if there is some way to preserve the land so that it would always be a park. J. Lewis suggested that the answer is yes, but that we, in return, we would like to have Mr. Burnham protect his land from development, thus making both pieces part of a conservation easement. J. Lewis suggested getting a survey, such as a compass and tape sketch of the bordering land owned by the Beelers. He will look into the cost of such a survey.

J. Branch mentioned that he is been asked if hunting were allowed on the land. It is not posted at this time, so the answer is yes. He is going to consider posting.

The driveway is required to have an asphalt apron, and J. Branch is concerned about the cost.

Inspection of Matt Tolmanís Mud Pond Property: It was found that all the buildings are back at least 250 feet from the shore and that there are no fuel tanks. One huge building, about 100 feet long and 30 feet wide, is built on cinder blocks and is not temporary. Mr. Tolman has created a berm about 100 feet from the water to provide a buffer and eliminate the view from the water. He has dug up and removed some of the tires that were buried in the side of the hill. J. Lewis recommends that: It looks good, but the Planning Board should look at it. S. Macy, a member of the Planning Board, will relay this recommendation.

Conservation Easement Inspection: The annual easement inspection of the Spencer and Edelkind properties will be made in June on a date to be set. S. Yarger noted that some of last yearís inspections were never made and should be done this year.

Charcoal Road Bridge: 25 People attended a hearing to consider the building of a new bridge and its esthetics. It is important to keep in mind that the bridge must meet State standards. The plan is to raise the road on the North side of the culvert about 4 feet. However, this will increase the drop off of the bridge. It has been suggested that the
bridge be restructured to its original alignment. The proposed construction date is 2015, and there will be more hearings. We see no conservation issue at this time.

Pesticide License: C. Merrick spoke with George of Our Town Landscaping in Hancock. He cannot spray on State roads, but may be able to do so on town roads. If we find he can work on the town roads, we will ask him for an estimate to spray the Japanese knotweed on the Upper Jaffrey Road and Church Street. If the estimate is acceptable, a date for spraying will be set. George will recommend someone who can spray the State roads.

C. Merrick said Lew King, the custodian at the Dublin Consolidated School, is retiring, and will get a spraying license if there is work to be done.

Shoreland Protection Act: At our meeting in October 2010 it was decided that we would invite Sharon Monahan to give a presentation on the Shoreland Protection Act this June. L. Birch contacted her following the meeting and arranged to discuss a time with her this spring. It was mentioned that there may be changes made to the CSPA, and that L. Birch should discuss this with her before setting a date.

J. Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM. S. Yarger seconded the motion and it was unanimously voted.

Respectively submitted,

Louisa Birch