

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE
September 24, 2013
CONSERVATION COMMISSION GIS LECTURE**

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Hillary May, Lisa Morin, and Deb Williams

ABSENT- Marnie Schulz, Mike Foote and Jane Connelly

PRESENTERS- Don Sunquist, GIS expert, Tom Howe, Gilmanton, and Chris Wells all representing the Society for the Protection for New Hampshire Forests

OTHERS PRESENT- Representation from the Laconia, Gilford, Meredith, New Hampton and Gilmanton Conservation Commissions

There was no formal meeting but a quorum was present.

Don Sunquist presented his GIS report which created as part of a Pardoe grant awarded two years ago. He requested feedback and a discussion ensued. S. McPhie suggested linkage opportunities across town lines. Some in attendance wanted to rely less on this new map and more on their Natural Resource Inventories (NRI). S. McPhie emphasized how the map would be a good tool to educate developers providing a simple visual format to point out valuable lands around the proposed subdivisions. H. May and other were concerned the map may hurt the city of Laconia because most valuable lands exist in New Hampton and Gilmanton and Gilford with Meredith showing some concentrations. Laconia only shows traces of valuable lands in the Pickerel Pond section on the Meredith Sanbornton border area. If grants were awarded using this criteria it would appear Laconia would be at a disadvantage. C. Wells added the Society was here to help to create funding for surveys and assist with other tools to help interested land owners to move forward and preserve their lands. In conclusion D. Sunquist would create a summary of the meeting and wait for feedback from the various Con Coms to find out what each individual Commission would like to derive from this powerful mapping tool.