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**Town of Swanzey
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014**

PRESENT: Jane Johnson, Robert Goodrich (Chair), Stephen Stepenuck, Wallace Smith, Ritchie Dellerba, Gary Coburn, Jeanette Cook (alternate). Shane O'Keefe (Town Administrator) came in later in the meeting.

GUESTS: Daniel J. Crosby, Laboratory Director, EIA Analytical Labs, 149 Emerald Street, Keene NH; Mr. Short, [ADDRESS] Mr Bashaw [ADDRESS] and Mr James Mcconnell, [ADDRESS]. An unidentified reporter from the Keene Sentinel newspaper was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mr. Goodrich at 4:06 p.m.

1. New member Jeanette Cook was introduced. She spoke about her background, including having a baccalaureate degree in geology, several years of military service and service on the Newmarket NH planning board as an alternate in 2004. Jeanette Cook is a service farmer (runs a stable) and is a resident of Swanzey. She is also very interested in land use and conservation issues. It was decided due to lack of a formal recording secretary that Mrs Cook should do the minutes for this meeting only.
2. Guests Dan Conley, Mr. Short, Mr Bashaw and Mr Mcconnell spoke about their concerns over possible MTBE contamination of land in Swanzey. They are trying to find out how a gasoline spill at the fork in the highway, Route 10, may have affected ground water and how that in turn might have caused health effects in Swanzey citizens. There was general discussion about MTBE, and the guests presented several papers on the possible effects of MTBE and the ground water flow in Swanzey. After much discussion and a presentation by Mr. McConnell, the commission concluded that more data are needed and that such information must come from state or federal agencies better equipped to determine the possible health effects on people and any corrective action possible or needed. The guests left several informative papers with the Commission. The Chair thanked the guests for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.
3. Approval of Sept. 14, 2014 minutes: No one has seen minutes from this meeting. A motion was made and carried for approval. Jeanette Cook is doing minutes for this meeting; Mrmoved for having no meeting if a recording secretary separate from the Commission could be found. It was noted that Commission members cannot properly concentrate on business if one member is assigned the job of recording the meeting. The motion was carried.
 - a. Discussion of use of town email ensued: Mr O'Keefe mentioned that it is selectmans' policy for all Commission members to use town email addresses, however, the members noted that such addresses do not work on all personal computers. The use of personal addresses prevails.

