Present: Patrick Hackley – Chair, Dick Weyrick – Vice Chair, Dave Pilla – Past Chair, Matt Tansey – Treasurer, JB Cullen – Past Treasurer, Pete Howland – NESAF, George Frame – NESF & Janice Mulherin – Secretary

Absent: Wendy Scribner – Education Director, Dick Johnston – Tree Farm Rep,

I. NESAF Winter Meeting: It was a good meeting, thought provoking

II. Minutes: Amend minutes to read that Dick W. was added to the signature card for the checking account. Minutes were approved as amended

III. Conservation Easements: Patrick spoke with Chuck Hersey regarding his request for financial support with a CE he was working on. Patrick explained that while we support his project and conservation easements, it is not the role of GSD to support individual projects. George presented a draft position statement for Working Forests Conservation Easements. The EC will review the draft and make recommendations and consider a possible action statement.

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Accepted as presented

V. Tree Farm: Bob Simpson will be in New Hampshire for the May 4th inspectors meeting. He will be discussing the new sampling protocol. What is our role? Dick J., Dick W. and Dave plan to attend. Questions for Bob Simpson: How does Bob see the role of the consultant forester? How do we deal with 3rd party certifications? Will the flow of money change?

VI. Workshops: Bring ideas to the May 8th meeting.

VII. UNH Focus Group: Patrick and Janice attended and plan to attend the next one. Two questions to answer: Is there still value to continue a forestry program at UNH? and If so, what should it look like?

Next meeting: May 8th, 2007 at SPNF.

Janice Mulherin
Secretary