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**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2011**

Chairman Ackerman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at Mallory Town Hall. Commissioners present: Chairman Barbara Ackerman, Vice Chairman Ted Hollander, Secretary Mark Weber, John Dwyer, Paul Voorhees, and alternates Bruce Hoag, Monty Clark and Jill Finch. There was no audience member recording or video taping the meeting.

**1. Request for a Section 8-24 review: Donation of Real Property:** First Selectman Andrea O'Connor was in attendance. She stated that there is a house located at 73 Wakeman Hill Road in which the owners are seeking to downsize and have offered the property to a donor. The donor would like to separate the house from the land around it and keep the land (approximately 700 acres), but donate the house to the Town. The house has 9 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms and 2.5 half-baths. It also contains a full basement and an apartment. She stated that the house could be used to house groups whose function is ancillary to the Town, such as Candlewood Lake Authority, FISH, the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Sherman Chamber Ensemble, etc. It was also stated that the costs of maintaining the house could be offset by leasing space to different community organizations. Commissioner Weber motioned to approve the 8-24 to accept the donation of the house and four acres of land. Commissioner Hollander seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**2. Review proposed logging at Farview Farms:** Mr. James Munch was in attendance and stated that he has an agreement with Farview Farms to timber harvest approximately 22 acres of the 75 acre parcel. He plans on harvesting approximately 8 trees per acre, will have staging areas for the timber to be brought to and a weekly pickup. There will be no saw cutting, the activity will last approximately six weeks plus cleanup time, and the hours will be approximately 7 a.m. till 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. The Commission gave Mr. Munch approval to timber harvest at Farview Farms.

**3. Review of Affordable Housing Statutes:** Attorney Eric Knapp was in attendance to review the affordable housing statute 8-30g with the Commission.

Commissioner Dwyer motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.