

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 2-20-08
Minutes of January 10, 2008**

Members Present: David Lawrence, Gene Young, Earl Bagley, Roger Burgess, and Tom Hoopes.

Members absent: Justine Gengras and Steve McMahon as Selectman's Representative

Others Present: Tracy Tarr – Stoney Ridge Environmental

Call Meeting to Order: Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by R. Burgess to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from October 25, 2007 meeting.

Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the minutes, second by T. Hoopes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

Tracy Tarr – spoke on behalf of the Town of Alton about the culvert on Spring Street that was taken out and replaced with twin culverts to prevent future flooding.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

None at this time

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. Town of Alton Map 34/ROW – Replacement of culverts to help prevent potential road damage and sediment from future flooding events.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that the application is meets NH DES rules and to send a letter of no objection to NH DES.

Motion made by T. Hoopes to send standard letter of no objection to NH DES, seconded it by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. William Mueller Map 74 Lot 19 – Rebuild 20' of stone wall

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that the wall should be at an angle not at a vertical. The wall is in the water which is not accurately portrayed and there is a proposed perch beach on the plan which is not mentioned in the application.

Motion made by T. Hoopes to send above comments to NH DES, seconded by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. Joseph Parrella Map 66 Lot 10 – Replace deteriorated and unsafe retaining wall with natural banking, same footprint as existing wall and restore the banking to its original condition. Reconfiguring slips to provide better access and improving boater safety. Reconfiguration of slips will result in 5 new slips.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules and to send a standard letter of no objection to NH DES.

Motion made by T. Hoopes to send standard letter of no objection to NH DES, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. James Patterson Map 61 Lot 5 – Proposing to modify and repair an existing permanent dock to provide two boat slips on 100' +/- frontage.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules and would like to see the applicant get notarized consent from the abutter for invasion of the setback area and to send a standard letter of no objection with comments to NH DES.

Motion made by T. Hoopes to send standard letter of no objection with above mentioned comments to NH DES, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.

4. Tami Mousseau Map 20 Lot 2-3 – Construct a 60' drainage swale through the wetlands to redirect surface water flow back to natural drainage pattern.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules and to send a standard letter of no objection to NH DES.

Motion made by T. Hoopes to send standard letter of no objection to NH DES, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.

6. Marie Herbert Revocable Living Trust Map 57 Lot 4 – Rebuild existing grandfathered boathouse and reconfigure outside walkway.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules and to send a standard letter of no objection to NH DES.

Motion made by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection to NH DES, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:

None at this time

Permit By Notification:

None at this time

Minimum Impact Expedited:

1. Robert Diorio Map 47 Lot 8 – Install 14'X30' seasonal canopy over center slip; install seasonal boat power lift; 2 seasonal PWC jet-ski lifts; permit to repair dock and permitted breakwater. – FYI – Commission signed
2. Melynda Parker Rev. Trust Map 35 Lots 40 & 41 – Install 5'6"Hx28'Lx6"W bulkhead in front of deteriorating stone wall and fill sink holes with erosion stone. Impact ~15 sq. ft. – FYI – Commission signed
3. Ann & Jean McCoubrey Map 35 Lot 51 - Install 5'6"Hx28'Lx6"W bulkhead in front of deteriorating stone wall and fill sink holes with erosion stone. Impact ~15 sq. ft. – FYI – Commission signed

Commissioner Reports:

1. D. Lawrence – The abutter whom created the trails on the south side of Gilman Pond is going to re-route part of the trail as it goes on someone else's property. The trails are a good addition to the existing trails. The abutter also wants to top off a few trees. The request was discussed and there was a unanimous agreement that granting the request set a dangerous precedent

2. D. Lawrence – Easement Monitoring – The Freese/Farrell property has a good woods road on it. Much of the road is on the town-owned 48-acre parcel. I feel we need to get sign that say “NO motorized or wheeled vehicles without permission from the Town of Alton Conservation Commission”. One sign is needed similar to the one a Gilman Pond.

Other Business:

1. Conservation signs for the Hussey Property – Secretary will order sign “NO wheeled vehicles”, she will also check the signs prior to ordering them.
2. Warrant Articles – Deferred until next meeting.
3. Appointment of Commissioners – **Motion made by T. Hoopes to appoint D. Lawrence and G. Young for another term of 3 more years each, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.**
4. Membership Dues – **Motion made by T. Hoopes to direct E. Bagley to sign the invoice for membership dues for payment, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Correspondence:

1. Ronald Cima Map 21 Lot 30 – Permit Approval - FYI
2. Ronald Lefebvre Map 18 Lot 29-4 – FYI – Permit Approval
3. Linda Galvin Trust Map 44 Lot 56-2 – FYI – Permit Approval
4. Ann & Jean McCoubrey Map 35 Lot 51 – FYI – Permit Approval
5. Matthew Locke Map 12 Lot 28 - FYI – Permit Approval
6. Melynda Parker Revocable Trust Map 35 Lot 40 - FYI – Permit Approval
7. Robert Diorio Map 47 Lot 8 - FYI – Permit Approval
8. Carla Bickford – Shore Land Variance Request -FYI

Adjournment:

Motion made by T. Hoopes, second by R. Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission