

Approved Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: By Chairman Earl Bagley at 7:02 pm.

Members Present: Earl Bagley (Chairman), Gene Young (Vice-Chairman), Members: Russ Wilder, Lou LaCourse, Quinn Golden, and Bob Doyle.

Members Absent: David Hershey (Treasurer).

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by R. Wilder to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by G. Young. Motion passes with all in favor.

Public Input:

Approval of January 25, 2018 Minutes:

Motion made by G. Young to approve the Jan. 25, 2018 minutes as presented, Second by L. LaCourse. Motion passes with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. Richard Esson 2017 Trust – Map 80, Lot 26 & 27-1, 88 & 96 Big Barndoor Island. (Planning Boundary Line Adjustment). Adjust the lot line between Map 80, Lot 26 and Map 80, Lot 27-1, such as 1.36 acres are conveyed from Lot 27-1 to Lot 26.
Mr. Esson was present. The Commission reviewed this Dept. Head Review and has no concerns.
2. Phil & Michelle Cioffi – Map 21A, Lot 5. 36 Pipers Point Lane. (ZBA Special Exception) Propose the construction of an 814 sq. ft. Cabin that is to replace a non-conforming existing cabin, which will be voluntarily removed and to propose the expansion of a non-conforming structure by adding a cupola. **The Commission reviewed this Dept. Head Review and commented that there should be no filling lakeward beyond the NHDES current reference line 504.32**

Standard Dredge and Fill Application:

1. Jeffrey Williams – Map 76, Lot 66. 890 Rattlesnake Island. Construct a 48 linear foot breakwater with a 4' x 30' cantilevered pier and 4' x 12' connecting walkway connected to an (existing) 6' x 30' piling pier. Install a permanent boatlift between docks and install (2) seasonal PWC lifts. Wetlands Impact: Breakwater approx. 732 sq. ft., cantilevered pier and connecting walkway 178 sq. ft., four pilings for lift 4 sq. ft., **(40-day Hold 2/2/2018).**
The Commission reviewed this application and has no concerns
2. David & Sandra Herrick – Map 60, Lot 11. 172 Minge Cove Road. Perch an existing sloped beach to mitigate an ongoing beach erosion problems. Existing beach impacts are

approximately 2,835 sq. ft. and or 96 linear feet. Proposal will provide a perch beach wall along the entirety of the beach area with 2 stepped access pints and in the process remove an existing jetty (193 sq. ft./35 Linear foot) and temporary coir logs (347 sq. ft.) placed to protect beach. The project classifies as a minor Impact per Env-wt303.03 (g) & (k). **(40-day Hold 2/12/2018). The Commission reviewed this application and commented that given the history of this area the Commission feels this is a reasonable solution to the problem.**

3. **Kevin & Tasha Hilson** – Map35, Lot 61, 213 East Side Drive. To Construct a perched beach, and granite steps in to the lake. **The Commission reviewed this application and comments that there should be no construction below the NHDES current reference line 504.32.**

4. **West Alton Marina** – Map 17, Lots 9,11,27,29,30; Map 61, Lot 1, West Alton Marina Road. Proposed project provides for the redevelopment and expansion of West Alton Marina. Improvements include the relocation of the existing marine contractor facilities, boat wash, boat repair, and boat storage to upland areas on Map 61, Lot 1 and in their place, relocating a marina store, fuel facilities, and bathhouse, creating an addition 200 +/- boat slips, and creating/relocating associated roadways and parking areas. **The Alton Conservation Commissioners met on Thur. Feb. 22, 2018 and started reviewing this application. It has been unanimously voted to put a 40-day hold on the application and the Commissioners are going to review this application and then meet on March 8, 2018. The Commission would like to invite the owners of West Alton Marina. As this project is very large and the Commission would like to give an accurate response. The Commission would also like to schedule a site visit.**

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

Permit by Notification:

Minimum Impact Expedited:

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. **Joseph Develis** – Map 80, Lot 3, 194 Barndoor Island. Provide new deck at cottage totaling an increase of 284 sq. ft. outside roof overhangs. Provide necessary work at effluent disposal system. Temporary impact for access, work area and work at effluent disposal system equals 3,180 sq. ft. Total of project 3,464 sq. ft. of impacts. **The Commission objects to the deck being built into the 50' set back.**

2. **Shallow Waters Realty Tr.** – Map 56, Lot 38, 200 Woodlands Road. Build a 24' x 36' Garage, Grass lined swale and infiltration basin. **(Duplicate Application).**

3. **Jacob & Jenna O'Brien** – Map 79, Lot 34. 514 Rattlesnake Island. Reconstruction of existing cottage, deck and stairs reducing the impervious area within the 50' waterfront buffer by 212 sq. ft. Temporary impacts of 3,900 sq. ft. for the installation of the effluent disposal system, necessary grading, access and work area. **The Commission reviewed this application and had no concerns.**

Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN)

Commissioner Reports:

1. **Russ Wilder** – Update on NH Fish & Game Small Grants Program. R. Wilder met with Matt Tarr from UNH Cooperative Extension out at Gilman Pond. We went over what the procedure would be to try to get some habitat improvement around the old beaver pond that is abandoned as you come off of Drew Hill Road on the right. Mr. Tarr thought that in order to create new young growth around the beaver pond that would provide food for the wildlife, a timber harvest would be necessary. Mr. Tarr suggested that the Commission should obtain the services of a Forester to put together a wildlife/forest management plan to enable the commission to apply for a grant. Part of the process should also be to have a meeting with the neighbors around Gilman Pond. The neighbors, who use the property regularly should have input to any management plan that is developed. The Alton town forester's strength is timber sales and getting the most money out of a timber sale. The Commission would like to recruit someone who has done this type of Conservation management plan and part of that may be a timber sale. The thought was to converse with Tom Hoopes just to see what he thinks the neighborhood reception would be, to get an idea.
2. **Russ Wilder** – Lakes Region Conservation Plan, update of plan that was done probably 10 years ago by Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and the Forest Society. This plan has been updated with all new information, criteria has been put out by the Nature Conservancy, which is a finer grain presentation of wildlife habitat and values of land resilient to climate warming. With that in mind, some of the areas have changed and expanded a little. This plan includes information from Fish & Game's Wildlife Action Plan. Alton has several large natural areas that are important to conserve. The Belknap Mountains are key as well as land in East Alton towards Merry Meeting Lake. Both are important wildlife areas. There has been talk about this in the lands committee at Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the lands committee would be willing to come to one of our meetings to go over this with the Commissioners on a large format and find out what is important to the Commissioners and how in the future can we partner with the land trust to get some of this done. That information would feed into Alton's Master Plan. R. Wilder feels this is the latest and greatest resource for that.
3. **Russ Wilder** –Trail information for Alton Fish & Game Trails; Belknaprangetrails.org published with detail maps. An email with links to town trail information will be sent to Commissioners.

Other Business:

1. **Alton Conservation Land Management Guidelines;** The draft guidelines were reviewed and edited.
2. **Stream Restoration and Flood Resiliency Workshop**
3. **Saving Special Places 2018** - Workshop Schedule

Notice of Intent to Cut:

Correspondence:

1. **Peggy's Cove Association** – Map 40, Lot 9, 1 Peggy's Cove Road. **NHDES Approval Date 1/24/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
2. **Locicero Family Rev. Tr.** – May 71, Lot 1. 193 Sunset Shore Drive. **(Standard Dredge & Fill). NHDES Request for More Information.**

3. **Anthony Avola** - Map 33, Lot 28, 50 East Side Drive. **NHDES Please submit revised plans either to repair the structure in kind or to limit the expansion to the north side of the structure where no setback encroachment will occur.**
4. **William O'Brien** _ Map 36, Lot 10, 117 Mount Major Highway, **NHDES Approval Date 1/28/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
5. **Charlotte Kersbergen** – Map 81, Lot 25. 16 Big Barndoor Island. **NHDES has reviewed the response to the Nov. 3rds. Request for more information and found that some of the materials required have not been submitted.**
6. **David Dolan** – Map 40, Lot 33. 6 Charles Circle. **NHDES Request for More Information.**
7. **Richard & Karen Weaver** – Map 76, Lot 65. 896 Rattlesnake Island. **NH DES Request For More Information.**
8. **Blanton Belknap County Realty Tr.** – Map 40, Lot 33. 6 Charles Circle. **NH DES Approval Date 2/2/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
9. **Karen & Richard Weaver** – Map 76, Lot 65, 896 Rattlesnake Island. File #2017-03510. Addressing NH DES (RFMI) Letter dated Feb. 5, 2018.
10. **Ronald & Renee Cooper** – Map 75, Lot 73, 962 Rattlesnake Island. **NH DES Request for More Information.**
11. **Daniel & Janina Pearson** – Map 78, Lot 33.384 Rattlesnake Island. **NH DES Approval date 2/9/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
12. **Michelle & Phillip Cioffi** – Map 21A, Lot 5, 33 Pipers Point Lane. **NH DES Approval date 2/12/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
13. **Barry Williams** – Map 58, Lot 7. 54 Timber Ridge Road. **NH DES Approval date 2/17/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
14. **Jonathan Paine** – Map 71, Lot 21. 64 Barbara Drive. **NH DES Approval date 2/14/2018. Approval is Subject to the Projects Specific Conditions.**
15. **Michael Ewing** – Map 54, Lot 45. 124 Roger St., **Varney Eng. Response to NHDES Request for More Information.**

Adjournment:

**Motion made by L. LaCourse to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, Second by B. Doyle.
Motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Calligandes, Secretary