

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras, Co- Chair, Earl Bagley, David Lawrence, Roger Burgess, and Gene Young (New Member).

Others Present: Cindy Balcius

Members Absent: Tom Hoopes and Stephan McMahon – Selectmen’s Representative

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the agenda as amended to include under Standard Dredge & Fill - David & Nancy Hussey Map 5 Lot 72, under Commissioner Reports – J. Gengras - Belknap Mountain Range Protection, under Other Business – Salvatore Santucci Map 22 Lot 31 Request for Shoreland Variance and under Correspondence – Norman Ahn Map 21 Lot 9 Permit Approval, seconded by E. Bagley. The motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from February 9, 2006 meeting.

D. Lawrence moved to accept the minutes for February 9, 2006 seconded by E. Bagley. The motion passed with all in favor.

Planning Board Agenda Items:

None at this time

Presentations/Consultations:

Cindy Balcius from NH Soils for Carl Norby on a proposed subdivision with possible conservation easement on large wetlands.

Discussion:

J. Gengras – When do the articles for buffers get put into affect?

C. Balcius – After the second hearing approval it is effect.

C. Balcius – C. Norby is moving ahead with the subdivision, the initial plan had 34,000 square feet of impact. The new revised plan has 9200 square feet of impact with 200 square feet of that being the impact on the driveway crossings. The roads have changed from the original plan that was handed out. An engineered plan will be given to the Conservation Commission when the wetlands application is submitted.

D. Lawrence – Is there work going on right now, I have seen equipment up there?

C. Balcius – I haven’t been up in a couple of weeks unless test pits are being dug up, no. C. Norby does store his equipment up there.

J. Gengras – Are the outer limits of jurisdictional wetlands shown.

J. Gengras – Where are the stream channels?

C. Balcius – They will be on the new plans, this is just a preliminary sketch.

J. Gengras – What is the total of the lots?

C. Balcius – Total lots will be 21 for the full build out. C. Norby wants to put the large wetlands including the dry peninsula in conservation for preservation

D. Lawrence – Where is the public access to the easement property?

C. Balcius – Maybe from route 28 or from on the following abutters: Finnethy, Farrell, or Freese. The conservation lot would be 30 acres of easement but some of it will be on buildable lots.

E. Bagley – The property is a swamp, why do we want swamp?

C. Balcius – The land is unique and valuable.

J. Gengras – If the town were to take an easement on the property, then we would want solid factual items describing the special qualities of the wetlands and the nature of public benefit. Also, monitoring the backside of development lots can be a burden.

C. Balcius – A suggestion would be to request a stipend from the developer to ensure monitoring funds. C. Balcius will provide a list of towns that currently have established monitoring funds to enable the Commission to determine how the town would be permitted to hold the funds.

C. Balcius – Easements have different reasons to make it special.

J. Gengras – We are looking for values. We need factual information as to why to protect the land and a management plan, also.

C. Balcius – We have not done one, but I am sure C. Norby will let us do one.

D. Lawrence – I think if we take this land, public access should come with it.

C. Balcius – There is a walking path.

C. Balcius – C. Norby is willing to help talk to the abutters about gaining access to the lot.

E. Bagley – It looks better if the owner gets involved.

J. Gengras – Peter Farrell might be willing to grant pedestrian trail access but no motorized vehicles.

C. Balcius is willing to work on the pedestrian pathways for the town.

J. Gengras – We need to know more about the other wetlands and buffers on the property.

C. Balcius will put something together for the Conservation Commission about the functions and values of the lot.

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Thomas & Bonnie Newman Map 65 Lot 85 – Install 6 pilings for support of a 14' x 30' seasonal canopy and seasonal boatlift adjacent to an existing piling support dock. Repair existing dockage "in-kind".

Discussion:

The Commissioners discussed and reviewed the application. They found it meets NHDES rules and agree to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by E. Bagley to send standard letter of no objection. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. David Vincent Map 74 Lot 22 – Construct a 15' x 20' perched beach.

Discussion:

The Commissioners discussed the application. They found it meets NHDES rules and agreed to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by E. Bagley and seconded by D. Lawrence to send standard letter of no objection. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. David & Nancy Hussey Map 5 Lot 72 – After-the-Fact – install 2 culverts in the location of an existing rock ford which had failed during the storm events of October 2005.

Discussion:

C. Balcius informed the Commission as to where the work took place and that the construction on the pond is almost done. The emergency permit was issued because old culverts and the ford failed during the heavy rains in October. They had to pull out the other two culverts and replace them along with fixed riprap on the outlet and they fixed the gully and stabilized the slope. They also skimmed the deposited silt off and restored the wetlands. The Commission discussed the application and agreed to send a standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by E. Bagley and seconded by D. Lawrence to send standard letter of no objection. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Permit by Notification:

None at this time

Minimum Impact Expedited

1. Kith Birch Map 10 Lot 32-19 – The applicant proposes to construct a perched beach according to criteria outlined in Wt. 303.04(d) and Wt.304.08. This project will impact 20 linear feet of shoreline. The perched beach proposed is an upland area and no wetland areas are proposed to be impacted.

Discussion

The Commission discussed the application and found it meets NHDES rules.

Motion made by D. Lawrence and seconded by R. Burgess for commission to sign application. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Reports:

1. Justine Gengras – Belknap Mountain Range Protection

J. Gengras mentioned to the commission that Nancy Mitchell from the Gilmanton Conservation Commission is compiling information about unprotected mountain areas and trying to organize an advocacy group for the protection of the Belknap Mountain Range.

Other Business:

1. J. Gengras – Evaluation of Proposed Conservation Land Form
J. Gengras has a list of questions to incorporate into the form and will send a draft to the members for feedback.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

2. David Davenport Map 71 Lot 33 – Shoreland Protection Plan

No action was taken by the Commissioners

3. Salvatore Santucci Map 22 Lot 31 – Request for Shoreland Variance

No action was taken by the Commissioners

Correspondence:

1. Ralph & Lois Jury Map 35 Lot 33 – application to retain 4684 sq. ft. of fill placed in Lake Winnepesaukee.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

2. Michael Thompson Map 75 Lot 7 – application to fill 450 sq. ft. to construct 34 linear ft. of breakwater, in an “I” configuration, with a 6 ft. gap at the shoreline, and a 4ft. X 35 ft. cantilevered pier connecting to a 6 ft. X 35 ft. piling supported by a 4ft. X 12 ft walkway, install four piles to support a permanent boatlift in the center slip and install a three piling ice cluster on 100 feet of frontage on Rattlesnake Island, on Lake Winnepesaukee, Alton.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

3. Sedlari Construction Map 10 Lot 16 - Permit Approval to Dredge and Fill 7,800 square feet of wetlands, including 195 linear feet of seasonal stream, for access to a 16 lot subdivision.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

4. Wentworth Cove Realty (AKA Bay Winds) Map 12 Lot 2 – Approved request to submit new information including mitigation proposal as required under Administrative Rules Chapter Wt. 800.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

5. Rheaume Lamoureux Map 18 Lot 29-21 – Permit approval to repair an existing 49 ft. of existing rip rap shoreline and add no more than 10 cubic yards.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

6. Norman Ahn Map 21 Lot 9 – Permit Approval to modify existing breakwater by moving an 8 linear ft part southerly 3 degrees, and convert southerly 6 ft X 30 ft piling pier to be supported by two 6 ft X6 ft cribs and install a 24 ft X 30 ft seasonal canopy over the middle slip on 292 ft of frontage in Alton on Lake Winnepesaukee.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

Adjournment:

Motion made by R. Burgess seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at 10:35pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Alton Conservation Commission