

**Alton Conservation Commission  
Minutes of March 24, 2005**

**Approved by the Conservation Commission on 4/14/05**

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Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras; Co-Chair, Earl Bagley; Roger Burgess; David Lawrence

Members Absent: Thomas Hoopes and Selectman's representative.

Others present: Matthew Wood NH Environmental Consultants, LLC, representing Wallace Standard Dredge & Fill Application, Map 56, Lot 3.

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by D. Lawrence to amend the agenda to move the PMHS Conservation Easement to after the Standard Application for Map 56, Lot 3- Wallace, motion carried with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from March 10, 2005 meeting.

**Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by D. Lawrence to approve the minutes from March 10, 2005 with changes as noted by the Commissioners, motion carried with all in favor.**

**Presentations:**

None at this time

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

**1. Wallace-Map 56. Lot 3- Remove irregularly shaped permanent dock and install a 6'x30' piling pier, install 144SF perched beach utilizing 12 feet of shoreline**

**Discussion:** Agent for the applicant Matt Wood of NH Environmental Consultants was in attendance on behalf of the owner to answer any questions the Commission may have. The Commissioners reviewed the application and noted no concerns, as the application appeared to meet all the NHDES Wetlands Rules. They decided to send a Standard Letter of No Objection.

**Motion made by R. Burgess, seconded by J. Gengras to send a "Standard Letter of No Objection" letter to the NHDES, motion carried with all in favor.**

**2. Merrymeeting River Realty Trust- Map 9, Lot 14-Provide docking for campground**

**Discussion:** The commission reviewed the application and documentation and compared it to material in the file. The "Proposed Alteration Site Plan" accompanying the application showed a dock on the left side of the plan as 60' x 30.' This should be corrected to 6' x 30.' Inspection of application photos suggests the project is an "after-the-fact." The plan submitted with the application is identical to one submitted in 1995, with changes shown on the plan in red pencil. The current plan shows a double retaining wall where only 1 was permitted. The Commission noted photos depict erosion occurring on sandy slopes along the

waterfront. This was also an issue the Commission noted in their comments for the previous application.

**Motion by J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to send a comment to the NHWB noting:**

- 1) **The error of dock size on the plan should be changed.**
- 2) **That the Commission has no objection to the dock or the retaining walls.**
- 3) **That Commission does not support the removal of the wheel stop on the boat ramp.**
- 4) **That Commission requests that an inspector view the site when snow has melted to assess the drainage and erosion problems at the waterfront.**
- 5) **That a revegetation and drainage plan be required for eroding waterfront areas as a condition of permit approval.**

**Motion carried with all in favor.**

**3. NH Dept of Transportation- Improvements to Route 11 including; Mount Major Parking Lot and Minge Cove Rd.**

**Discussion:** The Commission reviewed the application and project plans. No problems were noted.

**Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to send a Standard Letter of No Objection.**

**Motion carried with all in favor.**

4. Vickowski-Map 42, Lot 12- Repair and extend existing permanent dockage, install seasonal boatlift with seasonal canopy and install 2 seasonal PWC lifts.

**Discussion:** The Commission reviewed the application and noted that structures on the waterfront appear to be non-conforming and grandfathered. The Commission has no record of prior permits for the property. The location of the two PWC lifts are not shown on the plan. The Commission has no objection to the canopy, boat lift and PWC lifts. Even with the removal of the shoreline dock, the remaining docking structure and proposed dock extension leave the total square footage of structures well in excess of that permitted for a 100 ft. lot. Hence, the Commission is opposed to extending the existing dock.

**Motion by Gengras to send a letter to NHWB expressing these comments. Second by E. Bagley.**

**Motion carried with all in favor.**

**Permit by Notification**

None at this time

**Minimum Impact Expedited**

1. Casaccio-Map 40, Lot 2-Installation of boatlift with accompanying canopy

**Discussion:** The Commission reviewed the application and found that the proposal meets NHWB rules.

**Motion by R. Burgess, seconded by E. Bagley to direct a Chairman to sign the application, motion carried with all in favor.**

**Commissioner Reports:**

None at this time.

**Other Business:**

**1.** Review of Draft Prospect Mountain High School Conservation Easement Deed.

J. Gengras updated the Commission on the latest revisions to the Conservation Easement deed. She said discussed the NHWB permit condition regarding “no cutting of undergrowth in the Easement” with NHWB Inspector Jocelyn Degler. Ms. Degler said that she had no problem with limited cutting for trails. She also suggested adding wording to the deed that the Commission be notified in writing by the Grantor prior to any activity in the easement and specifying its location. Commissioners concurred that this should be added. J. Gengras said she would convey this and any other concerns to Attorney Sessler, who will review the revised deed and suggest appropriate language.

**Correspondence:**

Correspondence file to address:

- 1) The Commission reviewed the Correspondence for Chamberlain Springs. No action taken.
- 2) The Commission reviewed the bill from NHACC for annual membership dues. As this item is included in the CC 2005 Budget, J. Gengras signed the bill to authorize payment of the dues.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by R. Burgess to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by D. Lawrence. Motion carried with all in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Justine Gengras  
Secretary pro tem