Alton Conservation Commission Minutes of April 27, 2006

Approved by the Conservation 5-11-06

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras; Co-Chair, Earl Bagley; David Lawrence, Gene Young, Roger Burgess, Thomas Hoopes, Alan Sherwood as Selectmen's Representative

Others Present:

Members absent:

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Comment made by J. Gengras to move all of the C & D Interests from Other Business to be discussed with The Standard Dredge and Fill. Motion made by D. Lawrence to amend the agenda seconded by Gene Young. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from April 13, 2006 meeting. E. Bagley moved to accept the minutes as written. Second by R. Burgess. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

None at this time

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. Ed & Judy Morin. Map 54, Lot 35. Build a 15' x 9' perched beach. Discussion:

A previous application for a perched beach on this property was recently denied, due to excessive slope at the waterfront. E. Bagley inspected the property again on 4-10-06 and found the location was totally unsuitable for a perched beach and was within the 25% slope and jurisdictional waters. E. Bagley consulted with the property owners and they would withdraw the application. If the owners do not withdraw the application, the Commission recommends denial.

Motion by J. Gengras to send comments to NHDES, recommending denial of application, second by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. C & D Interests Map 15 Lots 56, 56-3, & 60 – Construction of 19-Lot subdivision (see file).

Discussion:

T. Hoopes stepped down. The commission discussed the application and decided to continue until next meeting until a site inspection takes place. A site inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 3:30pm providing Cindy from NH Soils can be there. Commission also noted that the Lot numbers on the first two pages of submitted plans (site overview) do not match Lot numbers on the detailed 1":50' plans in the application. This made identification of impact areas very difficult.

Motion made by J. Gengras to talk with Cindy from NH Soils to see if set time is ok to request plans that have consistent Lot numbers and to continue until next meeting. Seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor. T. Hoopes rejoined the meeting.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Permit By Notification

1. Dwain Perillo Map 10 Lot 5-6 – Install a culvert for a driveway crossing for a home site. Impact area is 1330 square feet.

Discussion:

The Commission directed the Co-Chair not to sign notification application, until J. Gengras does a site inspection before the next meeting on May 11, 2006.

Motion made by J. Gengras to continue until next meeting until J. Gengras does a site inspection. Seconded by E. Bagley.

Minimum Impact Expedited

1. John Irvine, Jr. Map 43 Lot 30 – Replace 6 deteriorated external support pilings on an existing concrete pier; perch a non-perched beach (14') by adding a front retaining wall; all along 200.6' of shorefront. The Commission found that the application meets NHWB rules.

Motion by R. Burgess to direct a Co-Chair to sign application. Seconded by T. Hoopes. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. Richard Balzarini Map 80 Lot 4 – Relocate dock: re: boundary dispute will remove existing dock causing no additional impact to wetland. (Neighbor disputes boundary and the property is currently in litigation).

Discussion:

The Commission feels that it is very inappropriate to comment on this application while it is in litigation.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send a letter to NHWB reserving the right to comment when the property is out of litigation and noting that it would be very inappropriate to act while the property is in litigation. Seconded by Gene Young. The motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Reports:

1. D. Lawrence: NTST Development Easement Review.

D. Lawrence reported that he went through the bounds and noted discrepancies between the deed language and the plat he was using to check the deed. Secretary is to call Don Prudhomme and request a copy of the actual plat referenced in the deed Appendix. The Secretary reports that the deed was not given to the Conservation Commission until March 2006 and did not include the Plan referenced in the Appendix. Secretary to check BCRD to see if the referenced plan has been recorded. The appendix doesn't seem to be the same as the deed.

2. J. Gengras/ D. Lawrence – Conservation Easement Evaluation Form.

The Commission agreed to change the word land to parcel in each question. Motion made by T. Hoopes to change land to parcel and seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

3. D. Lawrence/ Gene Young: Conservation Easement Workshop Update

D. Lawrence reported that the workshop were useful and that he would make copies of handouts to be placed in Commission files for future reference.

G. Young reported that he attended workshops on wetlands and easement monitoring.

4. J. Gengras: NH Soils Restoration on Route 28S.

J. Gengras mentioned that the growing season is upon us and asked the secretary to to send a letter to Cindy Balcius at NH Soils requesting updated information on the time line for restoration of the Route 28 roadside area of the Hussey Conservation Easement and cc: to Bob Bahre and NHDES. This restoration is a required element in the NHDES Hannafords Wetlands permit.

Other Business:

1. C&D Interests Map 15 Lots 56 & 60 – Storm Water Drainage Report (to be addressed with standard)

No action taken by the Commission

2. James Mooney Map 79 Lot 9 – Permit Approval **No action taken by the Commission**

3. Richard Wozmak Map 73 Lot 39 – Amendment Permit Approval **No action taken by the Commission**

4. Mark Fecteau Map 59 Lot 1-1 – Request for more information and Restoration Plan **No action taken by the Commission**

5. Town of Alton Map 15/ROW – Permit Approval **No action taken by the Commission**

6. GSR Trust Map 58 Lot 5-19 – Wetlands Complain t Response

No action taken by the Commission

7. C&D Interests Map 15 Lots 56 & 60 – Site Specific Application (to be addressed with standard)

No action taken by the Commission

8. Keith Birch Map 10 Lot 32-19 – Permit Approval **No action taken by the Commission**

9. Brenlove Safe docks Association Map 80 Lot 22 – Application Approval
T. Hoopes to draft letter to NHDES after site inspection by kayak before May 4, 2006

10. Scott & Karen Taft Map 36 Lot 20 – Permit Approval **No action taken by the Commission**

Adjournment:

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to adjourn at 9:41pm. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fortin Secretary to the Conservation Commission