

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

Members Absent: Thomas Hoopes, Stephan McMahon, Selectman's representative.

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman Justine Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by, J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to amend to include under Commissioner Reports: a request from the Soil Conservation District, an inquiry from Dianne Rojek, and Town Forest.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from June 9, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by D. Lawrence to approve the minutes from May 26, 2005 motion carried with all in favor.

Presentations:

1. Steve Walker – Technical Assistance Update

Discussion:

Was named LCIP, not to be confused with LCHIP, they have since changed their name to Conservation Land Stewardship Program (CLSP). Meets with Commission every 3-4 years. Forms are mailed yearly from CLSP from the Conservation Commission Co-chairs to fill out and the reports need to be sent back to (CLSP). Steve offered trainings on monitoring and how to use a GPS. The Granite system on the web is also a useful tool to look at conservation land by different types of maps. Steve mentioned that he would check on GPS loaners. Steve recommends that the Commission buy a GPS unit. If the property you are looking for is not on the Granite web site, you can contact Granite. The website information can be printed off. The Granite website does have letter templates for land sold to new owners with conservation land. If there is a problem with the landowner, it is the Town's responsibility to take action, if not the state can make the Town take appropriate action.

2. Irene Garvey – Livingston possible violations

Livingston is filing a Fact Application with restoration components but has not submitted to the state yet. There are 3 areas 2 are jurisdictional and 1 they are not sure on. There are 2 culverts, the highway department approved the one in the driveway and the other was not. The other culvert has minimal coverage, and will freeze up in the wintertime. It is also where the stone was originally back in the fall. The culvert in question goes from the wetlands to a catch basin. Livingston sending in approximate application and then will have it amended for actual restoration. Commissioners would like to see culvert in question removed and to have the stone put back. Commissioners noted that they would comment when the application is submitted.

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Crimble Alton Bay Revocable Living Trust – Map 40 Lot 4, 6'X40' seasonal dock 12' from existing structure, 3 slips.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess. Motion carried all in favor.

2. Michael Thompson – Map 75 Lot 77, Construct a 34 linear ft breakwater with a 4'X35' cantilevered dock connected to a 6'X35' piling dock with a 4'X12' walkway.

Discussion:

Commissioner's discussed, reviewed, and decided to send a standard letter of no objection.

Commissioners note that this an area of high wind and wave action.

Motion made by R. Burgess seconded by E. Bagley Motion carried all in favor.

3. Donald Philbrick – Map 49 Lot 21, Construct a 6'X45' dock on 8 pilings plus one 3 piling cluster.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to send a letter of no objection with the condition that the dock be a seasonal due to no high wind and wave action.

Motion made by E. Bagley and seconded by R. Burgess. Motion carried all in favor.

4. Glenn Newell – Map 75 Lot 70, Construct a 45 linear ft breakwater with a 4'X44' cantilevered dock along a 3 fender piling.

Discussion:

Commissioner's discussed, reviewed, and decided to send a standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess. Motion carried all in favor.

5. Jared Shaw – Map 79 Lot 29, Remove debris from previous rock/crib style dock. Install 6'X40' seasonal dock anchored to an existing boulder on shore.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by E. Bagley. Motion carried all in favor.

6. Hank Brandt – Map 39 Lot 29, Reinforce existing house foundation (pre-existing structure) by creating a retaining wall and backfilling the exposed foundation to improve the safety of the structure.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to do site inspection and continue application review at next meeting on June 23, 2005.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by E. Bagley. Motion carried all in favor.

Permit by Notification:

1. Town of Alton Highway Department – Application submitted by NH Soil Consultants for maintenance dredging of non-tidal drainage ditches & culvert replacement on Depot Street.

Discussion:

Tracy Tarr from NH Soils spoke with the Commissioners to let them know that Ken is not sure where the pipes connect and the work will be done when the water level is lower. The town will also be taking down the stonewall and will replace it when finished. For erosion control, the town will be using silt fences and hay bales. Decision made for E. Bagley to sign permit.

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion carried all in favor.

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. Fred Browning – Map 36 Lot 42, would like to speak to the Commissioners about cutting down trees on the shoreline.

Discussion:

J. Gengras spoke with Mr. Browning regarding the trees. Mr. Browning needs to put in a new septic and has 60' of frontage. Mr. Browning will be taking one tree down because of the interference it has with the septic. DES recommended Mr. Browning speak to the Commissioners and let them know the situation.

2. Request from Soils Conservation District

Discussion:

Belknap County Soils Conservation would like to run a workshop for Alton, Barnstead, and Gilmanton on easements. J. Gengras to finish checking over mailing list.

3. Inquiry from Dianne Rojek – J. Gengras spoke with Ms. Rojek regarding the Hussey Gravel Pit.

Discussion:

Ms. Rojek is on the youth leagues and was wondering what was going on with the gravel pit and if the pit could be used for recreational activities and ball fields. J. Gengras let her know that the property easement is mostly wetlands and the dry land is owned outright by Mr. Hussey.

4. Town Forest Trail

Discussion:

D. Lawrence did a site walk and the trails are free of debris they are just over-grown and there are not a lot of briars or blow-downs. The debris by the parking lot needs to be removed. Commissioners suggested trying to get a service group together for clean up. D. Lawrence to check on GPS and software for mapping out the town forest and other trails for better knowledge of boundaries.

Other Business:

1. Alton Bay Christian Conference Center - Violations

Discussion:

E. Bagley mentioned that the conference center failed to remove the silt from behind the silt curtain as per order of DES.

2. Chamberlain Springs – Temporary surface water discharge permit for multiple well maximum extraction pump test in support of a large groundwater withdrawal permit application (DES).

Discussion:

Commissioners noted receipt of temporary pump extraction.

No action taken

3. Brandt Property – Wetlands Restoration Monitoring Report

Discussion:

The monitoring report is coinciding with the standard dredge and fill application. A site inspection is to commence before the next meeting on June 23, 2005.

Adjournment:

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at the meeting at 9:53, motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission