

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 7-26-07
Minutes of June 28, 2007**

Members Present: Justine Gengras, Roger Burgess, David Lawrence, Tom Hoopes, and Earl Bagley

Members Absent: Gene Young and Steve McMahon as Selectman's Representative

Others Present: Cindy Balcius – Stony Brook Environmental

Call Meeting to Order: Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by D. Lawrence to amend the agenda and include Commissioner Reports – D. Lawrence – Gilman Pond Management and to include under Other Business – D. Lawrence – Belknap Mountain Range and to include under correspondence Bradford Jones Map 11 Lot 13-14 – Permit Approval - FYI. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from May 10, 2007 meeting.

Motion made by R. Burgess to accept the minutes with changes second by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

None at this time

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

Department Head Reviews:

1. Maureen & Thomas Fitzgerald Map 9 Lot 57 – New Durham Road - FYI – Comments given (Applicant withdrew application).
2. Freese Trust Map 10 Lot 5 – Avery Hill Road – Signed 6/14/07
3. Catherine & Mark Blanchette Map 1 Lot 16 – Lockes Corner Road – Signed 6/14/07
4. Christian Camps & Conferences Map 18 Lot 15A – Chestnut Cove Road – FYI - Signed 6/14/07
5. James Dwyer Map 5 Lot 1-4 – Dudley Road – FYI – Signed 6/22/07
6. Robert & Phyllis Paige Map 9 Lot 59-2 – FYI – Signed 6/22/07

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. Paula Bernard Map 62 Lot 29-2 – Repair/replace and reduce size of an existing 6'x37'3" pier supported on piles. Reduction consists of decreasing the width of the structure to 5'11" for a total reduction of 3.1 sq. ft. Drive (2) tie-off piles at a location 12' from the docking structure for a total proposed impact of 1.6 sq. ft.

Discussion:

The Commission feels that the proposed project meets NHDES rules.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection to NHDES, seconded

by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Paula Bernard Map 62 Lot 29-2 – Remove one large boulder (35.5 sq. ft./2.5 cu. Yds) within the approach to an existing boat slip. Dispose of boulder out of NH DES Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction.

Discussion:

The Commission feels that the proposed project meets NHDES rules.

Motion made by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection to NHDES, seconded by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. Robert Bahre Map 21 Lot 5-5 – Repair an existing wharf & permanently replace damaged wharfs piers with a crib system.

Discussion:

C. Balcius – We are changing from wharf with piers to a wharf with cribs.

J. Gengras – What is the depth?

C. Balcius - The depth is ~5'

Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection for R. Bahre Map 21 Lot 5-5, Standard Dredge & Fill Application and also indicate on the form letter that the Commission believes the application accurately portrays the property, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.

Permit By Notification

1. Arthur Crooke Map 75 Lot 66 – Replace one of three tie-off pilings and one foot wide walkway between them as shown in photos. – FYI – Applicant didn't want Commission to review. Commissioner sent comments to NH DES
2. Robert Carpenter, Jr. Map 60 Lot 21 – Replace (2) dock piling on finger dock. Impact 2sq. ft. – FYI Commission signed 6/4/07
3. Dugas Colliton, LLC Map 56 Lot 13 – In-kind repair and replacement of existing crib docs and decking supported boathouse. – FYI – Commission signed 6/4/07
4. Patricia Prudhomme Map 58 Lot 5B – Install a 4'x20' seasonal dock along shoreline to protect boats from rocks approaching existing boathouse. Repair existing docking structures damaged by ice and high water. – FYI – Commission signed 6/11/07
5. Sharon Monroe Map 54 Lot 42 – Replace up too (12) dock piling with no change in size, shape, or location. Impact 12 sq. ft. – FYI Commission signed 6/11/07
6. Nancy Mitchell Map 44 Lot 56 – Repair (1) 7'x10' crib and replace (2) ice clusters.
7. James Flood Map 80 Lot 34 – Rebuild a crib dock with hinged end to same size before ice damage spring 2007 – FYI Commission signed 6/11/07
8. Janet & Herb Lawrence Map 81 Lot 11 – Repair and re-vegetate in-kind an existing natural shoreline, damaged by high waters and ice. No Rip Rap to be used. – FYI – Commission signed 6/11/07
9. Nancy County Map 56 Lot 19 – Replace existing 10'x33' crib down to bottom log. Impact ~330 sq. ft. – FYI – Commission signed 6/28/07
10. Kenneth Shefcik Map 81 Lot 7 – Replace (18) dock piling. Impact ~18 sq. ft. – FYI – Commission signed 6/28/07

Minimum Impact Expedited

1. Paul & Celia Cote Map 78 Lot 14 & Map 79 Lot 1 – Own two adjoining lots on Rattlesnake Island and would like to build wood stairs/path from the dock the house. The land is too steep to safely walk without this walkway. – FYI – Commission signed 6/11/07 – FYI – Commission signed 6/11/07

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1. D. Lawrence – Gilman Pond Management – D. Lawrence would like to thank T. Hoopes for the help and using his tractor on rebuilding the culvert. Mr. Eley is pleased the Commission followed up with his concerns about the beaver dam. D. Lawrence is still working on taking down the beaver dam. There is no evidence that the beavers are back yet. Sticks from the dam will be burned. D. Lawrence spoke with Ken Roberts and Ken brought up some boulders and put them in the main access driveway toward the pond to prevent vehicles from driving in to far. D. Lawrence to draft a letter to Ken Roberts to thank him and cc: it to the Board of Selectmen. J. Fortin to call Attorney Sessler on drainage easement on Conservation land.
FYI – It was mentioned by D. Lawrence, J. Gengras, & Steven Walker about the town owned Eley property and the section of road opened up and how concerned the state and the Conservation Commission were about the erosion and the stonewall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. J. Fortin – Gilman Pond sign – **Motion made by T. Hoopes to add D. Lawrence's wording**
"Gilman Pond Conservation Area
Pedestrian access only.
No motorized or wheeled vehicles permitted
Alton Conservation Commission"
Motion made by T. Hoopes to order two signs, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.
2. D. Lawrence – Belknap Mountain Range - We are trying to identify parcels of greater interest lands adjacent to large blocks or are at risk. July 9th is the next meeting.

Correspondence:

1. Bonnie Dunbar Map 21 Lot 12 Permit Approval - FYI
2. NH Coverts Project Program
3. T&D Realty Trust Map 58 Lot 5-26 – Permit Approval - FYI
4. Van & Constance Hertel Map 45 Lot 2-3 – Permit Approval - FYI
5. NH Wildlife Action Plan: Mapping Habitats for Conservation Planning Workshop
6. Mark Fecteau Map 59 Lot 1-1 – Culvert Restoration Plan
7. Town of Alton Highway Department Map 5/ROW – Permit Approval - FYI
8. Woodhaven Trust Map 53 Lot 2 – Permit Approval - FYI
9. Richard Gemberling Map 80 Lot 1 – Permit Approval - FYI
10. Bradford Jones Map 11 Lot 13-14 – Permit Approval - FYI
11. John Teller Map 44 Lot 54 – Permit Approval - FYI
12. Carol Couture Map 18 Lot 36-2 – Permit Approval - FYI
13. Granite State Woodlot & Wildlife Management Course
14. Letter from Stephen Walker

Adjournment:

Motion made by R. Burgess, second by J. Gengras to adjourn at 8:23pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission