Alton Conservation Commission Minutes of July 14, 2005

Approved by the Conservation Commission 7/28/05

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

Lawrence

Others Present: Cindy Balcius - NHSC, Chuck & Sandy Weston

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

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by, J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to amend to include under Standard Dredge and Fill Application "After the Fact" David Livingston Map 56 Lots 38,39,40,41, and Hank Brandt Map 36 Lot 29, Commissioner Reports: E. Bagley reports – Chamberlain Springs and Weinhold Map 32 Lot 36 site inspection. Other Business: Site Inspection request from Building Inspector Map 52 Lot 40 Arnold P. Shibley

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from June 23, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by D. Lawrence to approve the minutes from June 23, 2005 motion carried with all in favor. Cindy Balcuis joined the meeting.

Presentations:

1. Cindy Balcius, NHSC – Hussey Easement

Discussion:

C. Balcuis will check out the flowage rights. The draft letter will have more changes and corrections and the parent deed needs to be cited. The property is posted with the Conservation Land Beaver markers. C. Balcuis went over the seeding wildlife enhancement mix to include: Switch grass, gray dogwood, Canada goldenrod, Canada wild rye, nannyberry, witch hazel, evening primrose, common yarrow, Pennsylvania knotweed, common sneezeweed, milkweed, queen Anne's lace, and little bluestem. The reclamation planting plan to include: white pine, gray birch, red pine, black cherry, eastern hemlock, sweet fern, red-osier dogwood, and witch hazel.

C. Balcius will be on vacation for two weeks, if anyone has any questions please direct them to Tracy Tarr at NHSC.

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Paul Monzione – Map 59 Lot 5-20, Provide a small beach area behind the shore with no impacts to the banks or shore. Remove 130 sq ft or 5.2 cu yds of subsurface stones from the lake to provide safe access.

Discussion:

Site inspection to take place on Friday, July 15, 2005 at 9:30am at Shibley's Restaurant parking lot. Motion made by J. Gengras for no action be taken until a site inspection has been done and seconded by E. Bagley. Motion carried all in favor.

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2. Hank Brandt – Map 36 Lot 29, Reinforce the existing house foundation by creating a retaining wall and backfilling the exposed foundation to improve the safety of the structure.

Discussion:

Commissioner's discussed, reviewed, and decided to send a denial of the application in its present form, the application is incomplete, the contours are not shown on the maps, the project is within the 150ft reference line of the Shoreland Protection Act, and the area is not accurately defined.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send denial of application to include comments from the building inspector, seconded by D. Lawrence Motion carried all in favor.

3. David Livingston – Map 56 Lots 38,39,40,41, Remove approx. 620sq ft of fill, maintain 120 sq ft of fill, install 120 ft culvert w/ catch basin and clean culvert area with 270 sq ft impact, stabilize and revegetate all disturbed wetlands area.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed, reviewed, and decided to send comment sheet of when the field inspection was conducted and that the application submitted did accurately did portray the "After the Fact" project, also attached was a comment sheet stating that 1. The "After the Fact catch basin lies within the jurisdiction of the Town of Alton and does not have approval of the Town Road Agent, and 2. We don't support the 120' culvert and recommend removal of the culvert. The culvert is too small for the flow and will freeze in the winter. The original ditched stone swale is less impacting. Motion made by J. Gengras to send comment sheet and attached comments for the "After the Fact application submitted and seconded by E. Bagley. Motion carried all in favor.

Permit by Notification:

1. Map 34 Lot 36 - Repair of an existing boat ramp submitted by E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Discussion:

Commissioner reviewed, discussed, acknowledged, and signed receipt of notification.

2. Map 2 R.O.W – Headwall repair project, Prospect Mountain Road, submitted by Town Road Agent, Ken Roberts

Discussion:

Commissioner reviewed, discussed, acknowledged, and signed receipt of notification.

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. E. Bagley reports

Discussion:

E. Bagley went to the Chamberlain Springs test pump site and did a walk around to the monitoring wells and saw how the water was being pumped. E. Bagley also viewed the continuous pump-down and didn't see any signs of adverse affects on the brook.

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2. Terry Weinhold Map 32 Lot 36 Site inspection

Discussion:

E. Bagley did a site inspection at the Weinhold property and spoke with Mr. Weinhold. E. Bagley advised Mr. Weinhold to call NHDES and fill out the proper forms and applications, such as an After the Fact.

Other Business:

1. Site inspection request from the Building Inspector – Brian & Mary Crathern Map 18 Lot 29-2.

Discussion:

Commissioners conducted a site inspection not quite a year ago and found the same issue.

No action taken by the Commissioners

2. Site inspection request from Building Inspector – Arnold P. Shibley Map 52 Lot 40

Discussion:

Commissioners to conduct site inspection on Friday, July 15, 2005 at 9:30am.

3. D. Lawrence – GPS Unit, software, and adaptor cable

Discussion:

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by R. Burgess for a check to be cut for reimbursement for D. Lawrence from the Conservation Land Fund in the amount of \$252.55

4. C& D Interests – Map 15 Lot 56-2

Discussion:

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of more information in reference to the NHDES request for more information. No action taken by the Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Motion made by R. Burgess, seconded by J. Gengras to adjourn at 9:05pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin

Secretary to the Conservation Commission