

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 8-23-07  
Minutes of August 9, 2007**

Members Present: Justine Gengras, David Lawrence, Gene Young, Roger Burgess, and Earl Bagley

Members Absent: Tom Hoopes, and Steve McMahon as Selectman's Representative

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DiPace

**Call Meeting to Order:** Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by G. Young and seconded by D. Lawrence to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from July 26, 2007 meeting.

**Motion made by G. Young to accept the minutes as amended second by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with 3 in favor and 1 abstention.**

**Presentations/Consultations:**

None at this time

**Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:**

None at this time

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

1. Brian & Heather Welch Map 3 Lot 23 & 24-1 – The project proposes 14(13 new and 1 existing) lot subdivision and construction of a 2400'+/- dead end subdivision road. The total impact will consist of 5425 sq. ft. of disturbance and doesn't include shore land impact.

**Discussion:**

Members of the Commission did a site walk on August 2, 2007, following the path of the proposed subdivision road to the cul-de-sac (proposed location of a detention pond) and continuing on to the well-defined stream channel at the back of the lot. Some no-cut buffer boundary markers were observed to be facing the wrong direction; the engineer said he would get them all checked and fixed as necessary. It is noted that the proposed location near lot 10 is in a flow channel, which was dry at the time of the visit. The engineer said the plan is for that flow to go along the side of the road, through culverts under the driveways for lots 10 & 9, to the detention pond proposed for the middle of the cul-de-sac. The dominant vegetation is hardwood.

**Motion made by G. Young to send standard letter of no objection with the following comments to NH DES, with the condition that scrutiny be given to the size of the culverts due to the flashy nature of Prospect Mountain run-off, seconded by J. Gengras. Motion passed with all in favor.**

2. Fred Gallant Map 38 Lot 27-1 – Build 4'x25' permanent dock off front of the boathouse to accommodate 2 boat slips (see attached deed restriction) – Letter from abutter

**Discussion:**

Abutter – Thomas DiPace – in 2004 he (the applicant) applied for an 8'x40' but cut it down to a 4'x40' and after he was approved I sent a letter to reconsider. They want to replace a seasonal dock with a permanent dock, but the seasonal dock was never permitted. Mr. Gallant was told to clean up the non-conformity and re-apply.

The Commission has no correspondence subsequent to 5/19/05 from NH DES for file #2004-02467, a dock application. What happened to the request for reconsideration from Thomas DiPace date 3/28/06? There is also other correspondence from NH DES dated 5/16/06 regarding a complaint file #2006-01098. There is no resolution in the town file to the complaint or what action NH DES took on the request for reconsideration? J. Gengras suggested the Commission request any correspondence NH DES might have in their files pertaining to complaint file# 2006-01098 and if it was resolved. What was the disposition to the response to the request for reconsideration for file #2004-02467? Also, where is the permit for the seasonal dock referenced in the current application? The boathouse the dock would be attached to is highly non-conforming, as it extends into the lake and has living quarters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The Commission feels that the application needs to be deferred until a response is received back from NH DES.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to defer action until the next meeting to permit a site inspection to take place and obtain more information from NH DES, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Permit By Notification**

None at this time

**Minimum Impact Expedited**

None at this time

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

1. JD. Lawrence – Gilman Pond – D. Lawrence is still working at knocking down the beaver dam. He has put some of the dam material on the road in places where it had eroded. D. Lawrence is renting a backhoe for other things but wanted to know if the Commission objected to him using the backhoe to finish knocking down the dam. The cost is \$35/hour and he would have it there no more than 3 hours for a total of \$105.00.

**Motion made by G. young to allow for 3 hours with the backhoe, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Budget Worksheet – No action taken at this meeting
2. List of Conservation lands – J. Gengras to send updated list to everyone.
3. Monitoring sheet from Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests – No action taken by the Commission.
4. J. Gengras – Town owned land thoughts – What about making an offer to the Selectmen

about taking over the stewardship of Trask Swamp parcel and the town land south of the Hussey easement.

D. Lawrence – We should do it as a warrant article to have the land placed under the care of the Commission

5. NHACC E-Mails – J. Gengras to forward to Commissioners.

**Correspondence:**

1. Frederick Dinkin Map 64 Lot 17 – Permit Approval - FYI
2. Friends of the Suncook River Annual Meeting & Barbeque – No action required
3. Alton Bay Camp Meeting Association Map 9 Lot 53 – Permit Approval -FYI
4. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Municipal Law Lecture Series - FYI

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by D. Lawrence, second by E. Bagley to adjourn at 8:57pm. The motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin  
Secretary to the Conservation Commission