

**Alton Conservation Commission    Approved by the Conservation Commission 9-28-06  
Minutes of August 24, 2006**

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

Members Absent: Tom Hoopes and Alan Sherwood as Selectmen's Representative

Others Present:

**Call Meeting to Order:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by G. Young and seconded by E. Bagley to include under Standard Dredge & Fill – Leonard Galvin Map 44 Lot 56, ABCA. Map 34 Lot 33, under Permit by Notification – Duloc Map 21 Lot 29-4, under Commissioner Reports – J. Gengras – Driveway, under Correspondence – UNH handout, School Septic update, and J. Gengras – Complaint from Jim Varney Map 71 Lot 234. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from August 10, 2006 meeting.

**J. Gengras moved to accept the minutes as amended second by R. Burgess. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Presentations/Consultations:**

None at this time

**Planning board Agenda Item:**

Department Head Review for Welch Subdivision on Prospect Mountain Road. The paper was given to J. Gengras for comments.

J. Gengras – I went to the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the Planning Board meeting and spoke on behalf of the Commission pertaining to the Welch property. There is a lot of steep terrain and this part of town often requires well water treatment.

J. Gengras – I spoke on the RACO subdivision and gave written comments. It is more effective to deliver the high points in person. It is not just erosion controls not being implemented; the Prospect Mountain Road ditch banks are now cut back and not stabilized. On Rustic Shores on the camp road, the camps are built back into the steep

slopes abutting proposed subdivision lots. The lots have greater than the 25% slopes, but plans do not show how much of each lot has 25%+ slope.

J. Gengras – Gray Subdivision – There is an issue with the wetlands buffer tags which seemed to be less than the required 25' from wetlands. After the meeting, Mrs. Gray told J. Gengras that the current tags are for the first phase of the subdivision. The 10' buffer was voluntary, not mandated.

J. Gengras suggested to the Planning board that a policy should be established regarding how owners are to post the 25' buffer tags when there are no trees available at the correct distance.

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

1. Charlotte Brenlove Map 81 Lot 25 – Construct a breakwater and docking system and finger dock. Reconfigure existing deck and eliminate a stairway.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meets NHDES rules. The board has no objection to the dock and the breakwater because there is high wind and water, but the proposed 12'X12' deck and walkway across the face and accessing the deck is not permitted by the Town of Alton regulations.

**Motion by J. Gengras and seconded by E. Bagley to send standard letter of no objection to the dock and breakwater with comments regarding deck and walkway to NH Wetlands Bureau. Motion passed with all in favor.**

2. Leonard Galvin Map 44 Lot 56 – Propose a permanent piling supported docking structure consisting of (2) 6'X30' piers with a 12' connecting walkway in a "U" configuration, a 14'X30' seasonal canopy over the interior boat slip, (2) tie-off piles located on either side of the structure (4 total), and 4' wide wood frame access steps to provide the owners a safe docking structure protecting their personal safety and the safety of their watercraft.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels it is incomplete as the proposed docking structure invades the required 20' setback from the property line. The Commission finds no letter from the abutter saying that they have no objection to the dock being within the setback. The Commission also cannot determine if the canopy will interfere with the abutter's view of the lake.

**Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by R. Burgess to send letter of with comments pertaining to the above in the discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.**

3. Alton Bay Christian Conference Center Map 34 Lot 33 – Beach Replenishment

**Discussion**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meets NHDES rules.

**Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection to NHDES with the comment that the amount of sand should not**

exceed 10 cubic yards. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities**

1. Town of Alton Map 19 Lot ROW – Drew Hill Road Culvert Replacement - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**

**Permit By Notification**

1. Susan Heinecke Revocable Trust Map 81 Lot 31 – Repair 15 linear ft of existing breakwater end. Commissioner signed - FYI
2. David Lee Map 21A Lot 7 – Replace deck boards and supports on existing permanent dock. Commission signed - FYI
3. Michael Duloc Map 21 Lot 29-4 – Replace (2) three piling clusters and (1) fender piling. Commission signed - FYI

**Minimum Impact Expedited**

None at this time

**Commissioner Reports:**

1. Chestnut Cove Estates Subdivision – Complaint filed with pictures to NHDES - FYI
2. Driveway entrance off of Route 28 next to the High School – Cornelissen put in a driveway next to the school.

**Other Business:**

None at this time

**Correspondence:**

1. Safedocks Association Map 80 Lot 22 – Permit Approval  
**No action taken by the Commission**
2. Richard Anderson Map 51 Lot 14 – Request for Shoreland Variance - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
3. Norman MacInnis Map 11 Lot 9-5 – Permit Approval  
**No action taken by the Commission**
4. SPACE Newsletter  
**No action taken by the Commission**
5. Chestnut Cove LLC Map 15 Lot 15 – Permit Approval Amendment  
**No action taken by the Commission**
6. Merrimack County Conservation District Flowering Bulb Sale Fundraiser  
**No action taken by the Commission**

7. GRS Trust Map 58 Lot 5-19 – Request For Time Extension pertaining to Letter of Deficiency  
**No action taken by the Commission**
8. Workshop Series on Designing Stronger Projects and Proposals for Water Resources Protection  
**No action taken by the Commission**
9. Edward Brown Map 46 Lot 10 – Permit Approval  
**No action taken by the Commission**
10. UNH - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
11. Prospect Mountain High School Septic Update  
**No action taken by the Commission**
12. Copy of Varney Complaint to NH Wetlands Bureau regarding fill without a permit in Alton Shore (see amended agenda above ).  
**No action taken by the Commission**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by R. Burgess and seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at 8:34pm. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fortin  
Secretary to the Conservation Commission