

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

Others Present: Ernest Luttig – Peggy’s Cove Association and Pat Tarpy – North Country Resource and Development

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

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by, D. Lawrence, seconded by E. Bagley to include under Standard Dredge and Fill Applications – Kristina Ramey, under Minimum Impact Expedited – Nicole Zompa, and under Other Business – Complaint on Frohock Brook, Trail Maintenance, and Easement Monitoring Dates. The amended agenda was approved with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from August 25, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by D. Lawrence to include the amended Peggy’s Cove Association minutes regarding the Standard Dredge and Fill Application to approve the minutes from August 25, 2005 motion carried with all in favor.

Presentations:

1. Ernest Luttig – Peggy’s Cove Association – E. Luttig wanted to know what the Commissioners based their decision on. J. Gengras stated that the missing finger docks on previous applications affected the decision and that the wetlands rules triggered the comments for the retaining wall. The Commissioners went by what the Town had in its file. The Town file did not have any permits of record to support the total of 8 seasonal docks shown on the current application or for the 20 ft. permanent dock extension. The Commissioners didn’t feel the proposed retaining wall was the least environmentally impacting alternative to stabilizing and preventing erosion along 80 ft. of the lake and that an 80 ft. retaining wall was excessive on 168 ft. of frontage. NHDES rules triggered the comment for the retaining wall.

E. Bagley suggested for E. Luttig to get clarification from the state in reference to the docks.

E. Luttig stated the reason for the dredging was to make sure that there was enough water depth for the boats. The reason for the retaining wall to keep from polluting the lake more than it is.

J. Gengras suggested for E. Luttig to contact the state because the Conservation Commission only comments and that the state makes the final decision.

E. Luttig said he would send copies of permits to the town to update their file.

2. Pat Tarpy – North Country Resources Conservation Development (NCRCD) – The NCRCD is

working with the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association. Tributary monitoring is sponsored by a grant from NHDES. The grant is for 2 seasons and volunteers were doing it but they are hard to come by. There are 11 tributaries that are sampled throughout the lake. UNH has been sampling for over 20 years. NCRCD is using the same parameter as UNH. UNH does the final report. P. Tarpay mentioned that she thought that NHDES lends testing equipment but she will check into it to make sure. The ph levels in the Merry Meeting River have been low and on one occasion the nitrates were high.

NCRCD is looking for volunteers in Alton for one hour per week at one site at the individual's convenience. New Hampshire Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) will train on equipment and how to take samples and where to send the samples to for the ones that don't take place on site. The town does own its own kit, but are not sure what tests are in it. The NCRCD's goal is to get advisory committee representatives from each town and try to get uniform zoning with each other. E. Bagley knows of a volunteer already that is monitoring the lake that he will check with on monitoring the Merry Meeting River outlet for VRAP.

NHDES will provide training, data sheets, and ph buffer solutions. If anyone has any questions they can reach at P. Tarpay at 527-2093.

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Mark Vaughn Map 74 Lot 14 – Construct a 24'X10' perched beach.

Discussion:

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

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion carried all in favor.

2. Kristina Ramey Map 1 Lot 9 – The applicant wishes to gain access to the rear portion of the lot for construction purposes by using an old farming road.

Discussion:

The Commissioners discussed and reviewed the application and decided to do a site inspection and continue at the next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by E. Bagley to do site inspection and continue at the next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005. Motion carried all in favor.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Permit by Notification:

None at this time

Minimum Impact Expedited

1. Paul Beckett Map 12 Lot 17 – Dredge and fill 300 square feet of seasonal drainage for proposed access road to a 9-lot subdivision (includes existing developed lot).

Discussion:

After reviewing the application the Commissioners decided to continue until the next meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to continue until next meeting on

2. Nicole Zompa Map 41 Lot 49 – Repair/replace existing crib supported “U” shaped docking structure with no change in size, location, configuration, or construction type.

Discussion:

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the application and agreed to sign application.

Motion made by R. Burgess and seconded by J. Gengras to sign application.

Commissioner Reports:

None at this time

Other Business:

1. 2006 Budget Worksheet from Finance Department

Discussion:

Conservation Commission secretary to find out time budgets are due and call J. Gengras with day and time.

2. Clough-Morrill draft letter from T. Hoopes sent to J. Gengras and E. Bagley

Discussion:

Commissioners decided to continue until the next meeting on September 22, 2005

3. New 2006 Pre-proposals for Watershed Assistance and Restoration Grants

Discussion:

No action taken by the Commissioners

5. Prospect Mountain High School Conservation Easement draft deed and plat

Discussion:

The Commissioners discussed and agreed that there needed to be a 30-day notice of any construction of footpaths as to what is happening and where they will be going. J. Gengras made a motion for the Selectmen to review and if they have any dissatisfaction with the draft deed they can contact Ms. Sullivan, the schools attorney. Once the Selectmen are happy with the format, the Conservation Commission will contact Adam at NH Soils and let him know whether or not there are changes to be made.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to accept the Prospect Mountain High School draft deed and plat as is unless Selectmen feel there needs to be changes.

6. 30th Annual Municipal Law Lecture Series

Discussion:

D. Lawrence, T. Hoopes, and E. Bagley have decided to go to the meeting. They are to let the Conservation Commission secretary know which lecture(s) they are going to by Monday, September 12, 2005 by 12:00pm so a check can be cut and sent to the organization to hold the seats open for the men going.

7. Frohock Brook Complaint

Discussion:

No action taken at this time

8. Trail Maintenance

Discussion:

The trails are mapped but they need a lot of clearing. **NO HUNTING** signs posted at the Town Forest need replacing. The Commissioners are responsible for posting the property. The Conservation secretary is to get signs from the hardware store.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by Earl Bagley for the secretary to get NO HUNTING signs from the hardware store. Motion carried all in favor.

9. Easement Monitoring

Discussion:

J. Gengras and someone to monitor the Parkhurst and Barbarossa sites and D. Lawrence to monitor the Seavey, Hoopes, and Eley sites.

Adjournment:

Motion made by R. Burgess seconded by D. Lawrence to adjourn at 9:49pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission