

Minutes of October 23, 2008 Meeting

Members Present:

Chairman Earl Bagley, Justine Gengras, Vice Chairman Gene Young, David Lawrence, Tom Hoopes, Roger Burgess.

Members absent:

Selectman's Rep. Alan Sherwood.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Earl Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by G. Young to approve the agenda as modified, seconded by J. Genras. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by J. Gengras to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

None at this time.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. T. Hoopes reported that the Bay View Development Application was not accepted by the Planning Board. There is no legal access to and from this proposed development. The proposed entrances, Austin Rd. is technically a class 6 road and Swan Lake Trail has an easement that was left in the other subdivision that would allow another subdivision to gain access thru there. Both roads need to be brought to the Selectmen for layout and approval. Also mentioned, on Dobbins Brook Finnegan subdivision, the Army Corps of Engineers required 100' set back and is likely to do the same for Cascade Brook in this subdivision. C. Balcius says the Corps often asks for more than 100' and especially with those three vernal pools that are marked, in close alignment with each other. Because of the three vernal pools in the association the Corps and NHDES will require some kind of a viable access to the wetlands. The current Subdivision design may have to change to meet these requirements.

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. **Martin Holloran** – 24 Rte. 11D, Map 50, Lot 9 – Construct a 6'x30' dock supported by six(6) pilings plus install a four (4) fending piling, wetlands impact: approx 184 sq. ft.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and finds that not everything is shown on the plans. The existing dock and house structure and the proposed dock are shown on the waterfront, but are not located on the parcel. The application therefore is not complete. T. Hoopes expressed concern regarding if they are using these docks for themselves or for rental. Also more than 3 slips require Governor & Council approval.

Motion made by J. Gengras to delay action until the next meeting and to do an inspection, and also put this on the Nov. 13th agenda, seconded by E. Bailey. T. Hoopes and E. Bailey will do the inspection.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:

None at this time.

Permit By Notification:

Minimum Impact Expedited Application:

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. **Wayne Copp** – Map 38, Lot 7, 93 Powder Mill Rd. Individual Sewage Disposal System.

Commissioners Report:

1. J. Gengras reported that on Oct. 13, 2008 G. Young and she walked the entire Barbarossa/Jackson conservation easement parcel. For the first time in years they found the Northwest corner pin which sits in a wetland. Finding it requires going from hummock to hummock in wetlands. There is more water on property than has been seen in a few years. A portion of the north line couldn't be walked as the forested wetlands was just sparkling water. The marsh up on the northwest side is still full of water with a huge beaver dam and lodge. Pictures were taken and will be at the next meeting.
2. D. Lawrence reported he walked the lines in the Town Forest to check for "no hunting" signs. They were all up along the road and most back in the woods. He put up some additional ones up. The Forest is all in pretty good shape. There is no more unauthorized cutting going on. The first part of the western boundaries has a wall, the second part there is no wall but there is old rusty barbwire in places.
3. R. Burgess – Pictures taken from the lakeside of the Parkhurst Property that are dated and signed.

Other Business:

1. **Alton Conservation Commission** – Sept. Budget Expenses. (F.Y.I.)
2. **Bill Toothaker Property** – Follow-Up Restoration Monitoring Report.
3. **Emergency Conservation Program** – Sign up runs from October 3rd – November 3rd 2008
4. **Digital Voice Recorder**- This recorder would be a great improvement over what is being used now. It links directly into the computer.

Motion made by G. Young to purchase new recorder, seconded by R. Burgess. Amended by J. Gengras to include any accessories. Motion passed with all in favor.

Correspondence:

1. **Francis & Babette Glauner** – 71 Sleepers Island, Map 73, Lot 22- DES has reviewed the Shoreland Permit App. and has determined that additional info. is needed to clarify and complete it.

Discussion:

J. Gengras advised if any commissioner has time to take a look at Map 73, Lot 22's letter and note what DES wants for additional information.

2. **John Irvine** – NHDES received PBN and additional info or clarification is needed to consider complete.
3. **Island Marina Assoc.** – NHDES has denied the proposed project to construct a 4'x140' permanent dock supported by 22 piles on an average of 782' of frontage within a major docking facility already providing at least 124 existing slips on 782' of frontage on Lake Winni. This project does not comply with the RSA 482-A and Admin. Rules Env-Wt 100 through 800.
4. **Michelle Wilson** – NHDES Approval Date 8/14/08.
5. **NHDES #080924-01** – Map 8, Lot 25, Letter from Conservation Commission commenting.
6. **Jennifer Smotrycz** – 1000 Rattlesnake Island, Map 75, Lot 64, Wetlands & Non-Site Specific Permit. Approval subject to the project specific conditions.
7. **Stone Meadow Commons** – Map 8, Lot 25, 182 Frank Gilman Highway, Site Plan. (F.Y.I.)

Discussion:

J. Gengras noted there has been no Wetland Permit Application submitted to the state. The Commission can not legally access the property without the signed Wetland Permit. There will

be four apartments in each unit and they will be rentals. This site is a very wet site. The plan does not show the two seasonal streams on the site. The applicant's Planning Board approval is conditional on all State and Federal permits and some haven't even been filed yet. This site plan has been going on since Jan. 2008. T. Hoopes reported that the Planning Dept. and the town Attorney Sessler are trying to formalize a time limit for applications. Attorney Sessler stated not to give extensions for longer than 90 days. J. Gengras asked if the commission has no objection, she would call an engineer at NHDES Site Specific and see if they are still accepting comments.

Adjournment:

Motion made by T. Hoopes to adjourn at 8:37, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Calligandes
Secretary to the Conservation Commission