

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 1/10/08
Minutes of October 25, 2007**

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

Members absent: Steve McMahon as Selectman's Representative

Others Present: Jody Persson, Eric Piper, and Matt Scott

Call Meeting to Order: Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 October 11, 2007 meeting.

Motion made by R. Burgess to accept the minutes, second by G. Young. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

T. Hoopes stepped down.

Jody Persson, Eric Piper and Matt Scott Map 5 Lot 72 – Discussion of the Hussey Gravel Pit property.

J. Persson – Here are photos of other tracks to give you an idea of what we are looking to do

E. Piper – We don't want misconceptions of this project

J. Gengras – How much wetland is on the non-easement property?

J. Persson – Cindy Balcius showed some but not all of it. We are having the wetlands professionally mapped.

J. Gengras – How much wetland will be impacted?

E. Piper - None

E. Bagley – I need to see engineered plans and wetlands impact if any. How much of the 40-acres is going to be used?

J. Gengras – The aquifer overlay district covers that area.

J. Persson – NH requires 96 decibels on motorized vehicles. This track would be for dirt bikes, ATV's, and snowmobiles.

E. Piper – Our next step will be the engineer and surveyor.

D. Lawrence – When people participate there, what if they go off the trail and through the wetlands, damaging the wetlands.

E. Piper – There is not going to be fencing but we will have the buffer there.

E. Bagley – There is a driveway permit for that property off of Route 28 but you will have to go back to the state for permission to change the driveway use for that property. Did you speak to the Fire Chief about possible injuries and what is needed?

J. Persson – No, not at this time but we will.

T. Hoopes resumed his seat.

Chairman Gengras thanked E. Piper and J. Persson for the additional information.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

None at this time

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. Roland Lefebvre Map 18 Lot 29-4 – Requesting that a permanent dock permit be issued for the dock structure as existing on-site.

Discussion:

E. Bagley recused himself.

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that the application is incomplete as it does not include any sketch for the waterfront parcel and how the dock is located with size, length, and position.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send above comments to NH DES, seconded it by G. Young. Motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 abstention.

E. Bagley resumed his seat.

2. Samuel Forsythe Map 44 Lot 13 – Repair an existing breakwater and dockage “in-kind” with no change in size, location or configuration. Request “After-the-Fact” approval for seasonal boatlift.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meets NH Wetlands Bureau rules and to send standard letter of no objection.

Motion made by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection to NH DES, seconded by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. West Alton Marina Map 17 Lots 9 & 29 – Make improvements to existing commercial marina, improvements include replacing existing bulkheading, relocation and improving the boat ramp, relocation of below ground gas tanks and relocating gas dispenser. Reconfiguring slips to provide better access and improving boater safety. Reconfiguration of slips will result in 5 new slips.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules and to send a standard letter of no objection with the comment that the applicant met with the Conservation Commission for a conceptual discussion prior to the application stage.

Motion made by E. Bagley to send standard letter of no objection with above comment to NH DES, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with 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:

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. D. Lawrence – The beaver dam is gone. In monitoring boundaries for the Eley parcel, I did notice that there was a metal deer stand in a tree either on the property line or just about on it. This is just a FYI to the commission. There is also an abutter who has created trails from their property onto the town land on the south side of Gilman Pond. There are red ribbons marking it about 20' apart. There is more than one trail and they are getting more aggressive with their trail building .

J. Gengras – I think we should send them a letter.

T. Hoopes – We can take a hike to see where the trails go.

D. Lawrence – I can walk them and use the GPS. The trails are getting foot use only. I could also take the flagging down on the town property and speak with them.

The consensus of the Commission was that speaking to the abutters should be the first step. D. Lawrence agreed to do this.

2. D. Lawrence – Belknap Mountain Range – The group is identifying high priority parcels and identifying an action plan.

Other Business:

None at this time

Correspondence:

1. Belknap Mountain Range – Picture on CD - FYI
2. Edward Rubicco Map 37 Lot 45 – Permit Approval - FYI
3. 2007 Watershed Conference - FYI
4. Alton Central School Tour Invitation (T. Hoopes and J. Gengras will go)
5. Supply Lines with the Source

Adjournment:

Motion made by T. Hoopes, second by E. Bagley to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission