

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 11-9-06
Minutes of October 26, 2006**

Members Present: Justine Gengras, Earl Bagley, David Lawrence, Tom Hoopes; Alan Sherwood as Selectman's Representative
Gene Young joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Members Absent: Roger Burgess

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by T. Hoopes amend agenda and include under Commissioner Reports - T. Hoopes, D. Lawrence, and J. Gengras. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from October 12, 2006 meeting.

Motion made by J. Gengras to accept the minutes as amended second by T. Hoopes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Planning board Agenda Item:

T. Hoopes reported on the Planning Board's action on the proposed 35-lot subdivision on Old New Durham Road.

T. Hoopes stated the Planning Board is now considering improvements to the Zoning regulations and asked Commissioners to provide the Planning Board with input and suggestions.

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

- 1. Roland Lefebvre Map 18, Lot 29-4. Dredge several rocks and area adjacent to the boathouse to allow for a safe dockage and access, and request after the fact approval for the seasonal PWC lift.**

Discussion:

Earl Bagley recused himself.

The Commission reviewed the application and discussed the locations proposed for dredging and proposed disposal of dredged materials. Would dredging along the dock be reduced if the location of the PWC were moved closer to shore? Is "lateral disposal

of rocks” the correct disposal area for dredged material?

Motion by T. Hoopes seconded by D. Lawrence to send a letter to NH Wetlands Bureau stating that the Commission has no objection to the application, provided that the following questions are considered: 1) Would dredging along the dock be reduced if the location of the PWC were moved closer to shore? 2) Is “lateral disposal of rocks” the correct disposal area for dredged material?

Earl Bagley rejoined the meeting.

Permit By Notification

1. **Clifton Garvin Map 21A Lot 16 - Re-drive/straighten two ice cluster and tow fender pilings. Impact 8 sq. ft.**

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and found it has no significant impact.

Motion by T. Hoopes to direct a Chair to sign the application. Second by J. Gengras. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. **Sharon Lakeside Development LLC. Map 51 Lot 14 - Replace existing rip rap along dock which has been moved by the ice. Impact ~300 sq. ft.**

E. Bagley recused himself.

Gene Young joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and found the riprap is grandfathered and the application appears to meet NH Wetlands Bureau’s rules.

Motion by D. Lawrence to direct a Chair to sign the application. Second by J. Gengras. The motion passed with all in favor.

Earl Bagley rejoined the meeting.

3. **John Bettencourt Map 63 Lot 63 - Repair/replace 86’ x ½’ high section of a fieldstone wall abutting Lake Winnepesaukee.**

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and found it appears to meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules.

Motion by T. Hoopes to direct a Chair to sign the application. Second by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Reports:

1. **T. Hoopes. Re Clough Morrill Trust land.**

T. Hoopes noted that the Commission has not received a response from the Trustees

of the Trust Fund regarding the land abutting Trask Swamp. He suggested that the Commission contact the Trustees again. J. Gengras said a letter was sent to the Trustees in March 2006. A. Sherwood suggesting sending the letter again. J. Gengras agreed to redraft the letter and send it to the Trustees.

2. D. Lawrence. Re Gilman Pond Conservation area.

D. Lawrence reported that he had turned monitoring forms for all properties in the Gilman Pond Conservation area.

D. Lawrence reported that T. Hoopes and he met with K. Roberts and D. Widstrom and walked the section of Drew Hill Road that is proposed for upgrade. They are satisfied that the road improvements will not affect the threatened small whorled pogonia populations on the abutting town owned conservation property and that the drainage design is satisfactory.

D. Lawrence reported that Bill Brumback, Director of New England Wildflower Society will be here Sunday, Oct 29 at 9 am to walk proposed Gilman Pond Conservation area trail locations with Commissioners and provide guidance regarding avoiding impacts to the small whorled pogonia populations. Any interested Commissioners are invited to attend.

D. Lawrence recommended lowering the beaver dam that has flooded the access road located on the large town owned Seavey conservation parcel.

J. Gengras said comparison of 1998 and 2003 aeriels shows a substantial increase in size of the beaver pond. Will releasing water from the beaver pond adversely impact the abutting Eley property?

D. Lawrence: No, because the water will discharge to Gilman Pond which is currently below full level.

3. J. Gengras. Re Planning Board Dept. Head reviews.

J. Gengras reported that she inspected two proposed subdivision parcels and provided comments to the Planning Board. The first is the 35-lot subdivision on Old New Durham Road, Prospect Mt. Builders. The second is a 10-lot subdivision, Estate of Winona Houle on Alton Mountain Road. Copies of comments were provided to the Commission Secretary for Commission files.

4. A. Sherwood. Re Belknap Range Project

A. Sherwood reported that he attended the Belknap Range Project meeting. The group has focused on two objectives. The first is to identify parcels of high priority for protection; the second is to educate the public on the need to protect the Belknap Range, using the presentation the group has put together. He said he would notify the Commission of the next scheduled meeting for the group.

Other Business:

1. J. Gengras - Gilman Pond Conservation Area Management Plan.

Commissioners felt that this discussion would take more time than was available at this meeting. The consensus was that a workshop meeting should be held to develop a plan. The date of November 30, 2006 was set for a workshop meeting at 7:00pm

Adjournment:

Motion made by G. Young, second by T. Hoopes to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Justine Gengras
Secretary pro tem