

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 4-26-07  
Minutes of March 8, 2007**

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

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

Others Present: David Widerstrom

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by D. Lawrence and seconded by J. Gengras to amend the agenda and include under Standard Dredge and Fill – NH DOT Route 28S Merrymeeting Bridge, Vance Sedlar Map 75 Lot 59 and Van Hertel Map 45 Lot 2-3, to include under Commissioner Reports – D. Lawrence on Gilman Pond. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from February 22, 2007 meeting.

**Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the minutes as written second by G. Young. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Presentations/Consultations:**

1. David Widerstrom – Drew Hill Road – D. Widerstrom explained how the road improvements were made based on plans approved by Ken Roberts. They installed hay bales for erosion control. Formerly there was a water bar. The other owner will no longer help pay for the road and D. Widerstrom said he does not plan to complete the work on the road.

D. Lawrence – There are two places of concern– one by the huge boulder and one further up the hill, both places have sand and gravel washing into the woods.

D. Widerstrom – I believe I have followed the road plans. I will talk to Ken Roberts to try to find a way to resolve the problem by spring.

R. Burgess – What road construction is left to do?

D. Widerstrom – some gravel and crushed stone. Half the basecoat is done

E. Bagley – When it is done, who will approve the road?

D. Widerstrom – Ken Roberts

E. Bagley – What about erosion control for the design of the road?

D. Widerstrom – Ken Roberts wanted the ditch line on the high side. We added an additional culvert and replaced the old stone culvert. The problem will be corrected when the snow goes.

J. Gengras – Let the Commission know what Ken and you decide.

**Planning Board Agenda Item:**

Department Head Review Comments

1. Benjamin Finnegan Map 6 Lot 36 & 37 – NH DES Site Specific

**Discussion:**

**1. Site hydrology and drainage is a serious concern.**

The proposed project area has large wetlands and sloping terrain, which is dissected by a spider web of numerous seasonal and perennial streams. Streams on this parcel drain the south slopes of Prospect Mountain. These streams are known as “flashy” streams during heavy rain events.

The current Stormwater Management Plan is for a 25-year storm. In the past two years, Alton has experienced multiple storms rated as “greater than 25 yrs.” In one of these storms, the water in the stream on Lot 37-1, Stockbridge Corner Road, crested at least 2 feet above the roadbed. During the same storm, the stream on Lot 37-6 overflowed the culvert across the surface of the road and tore out a section of Valley Road.

The Stormwater Management Plan says less water will be leaving the site after development than before. However, serious drainage problems from this parcel have already resulted in damage to a Town road without the proposed development.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send comments to NH DES Site Specific that were sent to the Planning board pertaining to drainage and hydrology to this site, seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.**

2. Gregory & Marilyn Swenson Map 18 Lot 27 & Map 48 Lots 2 & 3 – Boundary Line Adjustment - FYI
3. Philip & Janette Coull Map 12 lot 24 & Map 15 Lot 64 – Boundary Line Adjustment - FYI

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

1. Alton Bay Campmeeting Association Map 9 Lot 53 – The project proposes to subdivide the property into 21-Lots. Continued from 2/22/07 meeting

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that the project meets NH Wetlands Bureau rules and a standard letter be sent to NHDES with the following comments: The Conservation Commission feels the despite the wetlands reductions, they are concerned how the access road adversely impacts a very large wetland complex and that lots 19 & 20 should remain undeveloped.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send a standard letter with comments to NHDES, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.**

2. NH DOT Route 28S Merrymeeting Bridge – The proposed project consists of the replacement of the bridge that carries NH Rte 28 over Merrymeeting River and minor roadway improvements to the approaches. The new replacement bridge will be single span concrete slab on concrete abutments and will replace the 1930 existing concrete

structure on the same location. A temporary bridge will be constructed approximately 10' downstream of the new structure so that two-way traffic can be maintained during the construction. - FYI

#### **No action taken by the Commission**

3. Vance Sedlar Map 75 Lot 59 – Remove existing structure, build new breakwater 44 linear ft with cantilevered 4'x44' dock, 6'x12' connecting walkway connected to a 6'x40' piling dock on eight piling.

#### **Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that they have no objection to the replacement of a non-conforming structure with a conforming structure.

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

4. Van & Constance Hertel Map 45 Lot 2-3 – Dredge 245 sq. ft. and repair breakwater ~190 sq. ft. Replace one fender piling

#### **Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that the project meets NH wetlands Bureau Rules and they have no objection.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection to NH DES seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.**

#### **Permit By Notification**

None at this time

#### **Minimum Impact Expedited**

None at this time

#### **Commissioner Reports:**

1. J. Gengras – Letter to M. Guldbrandsen – re: Commission's support for use of Map 15 Lot 55 for wetlands mitigation - FYI
2. D. Lawrence – Gilman Pond

#### **Discussion:**

D. Lawrence recommends removing the beaver dam at Gilman Pond. The dam can be removed per RSA 210.9. Mr. Frederick Eley, abutter has asked that it be removed, per letter dated October 22, 2006. D. Lawrence estimates the beaver pond now encompasses 4-5 acres of town-owned land abutting Mr. Eley's property and had flooded the woods road that provides access to Gilman Pond.

**Motion made by R. Burgess to direct D. Lawrence to breach the beaver dam on the beaver dam upstream of Gilman Pond, Seavey parcel, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**

3. D. Lawrence – Belknap Mountain Range – Next meeting will be Monday March 12, 2007 @7:00pm at the Gilman Museum

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Corinne Claunch – Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act Redevelopment Waiver Application Form - FYI

**Correspondence:**

1. GSR Trust Map 58 Lot 5-19 Revisions submitted to NHDES - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
2. Hannaford's Post Construction Monitoring Report - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
3. Prospect Mountain High School Wetland Mitigation and Restoration Monitoring Report - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
4. Changes to the NH Natural Heritage Bureau Environmental Review Process - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
5. Hammes Map 9 Lot 17 - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
6. Edward Klopfer Map 56 Lot 31 – Permit Approval - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
7. Rose Ligotti Map 35 Lot 56 – Permit Approval - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
8. Alton Bay Campmeeting Association map 34 Lot 33 – Permit Approval - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
9. Longview Trust Map 18 Lot 38-1 – Permit Approval - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**
10. Norby 7 Reynolds Map 15 Lot 56 – Permit Approval - FYI  
**No action taken by the Commission**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by R. Burgess, second by E. Bagley to adjourn at 9:37pm. The motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin  
Secretary to the Conservation Commission