

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 4-10-08  
Minutes of March 13, 2008**

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

Members absent: Tom Hoopes, and Steve McMahon as Selectman's Representative

Others Present: Jennifer Fortin - Secretary

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from the February 20, 2008 meeting.

**Motion made by D. Lawrence to approve the minutes as written, seconded by R, Burgess. The motion passed with three in favor and two abstentions.**

**Presentations/Consultations:**

None at this time

**Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:**

1. Department Head Review for Andrew Kierstead Map 38 Lot 22 – FYI – Commission signed 3/10/08
2. Department Head Review for Lisa Boudreau Map 25 Lot 2 – FYI – Commission signed 3/10/08
3. Department Head Review for Bonnie Dunbar Trust Map 21 Lot 12 & 12-3 – FYI – Commission signed 3/10/08
4. Department Head Review for Huggins Hospital Map 59 Lots 59-1 & 59-2 – FYI – Commission signed 3/13/08
5. Department Head Review for Oh Buster, Jr. Inc Map 26 Lot 10 – FYI Commission signed 3/13/08

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

1. Joseph Bresnahan Map 81 Lot 20 – Proposed a 900 sq. ft. breakwater, a 4'x30' cantilevered pier as previously approved in New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau Permit No.1998-00562 with the addition of a permanent 2'x30' piling supported dock spaced 12' from the 4'x30' cantilevered pier to create an "F" configuration and (2) tie-off piles located to the northeast of the structure to provide the owners a safe docking structure protecting their personal safety and the safety of the watercraft.

**Discussion:**

The Commission has reviewed the application and are confused as to what is on the property. Relative to the application the photos in the application don't appear to accurately represent the

existing shoreline (see attached photos 8/2006). The Commission feels NHDES should do a site inspection of the property before a permit is issued (see attached assessment cards). The Town of Alton records indicate a dock since 1998 to current on the property. The Commission feels the application submitted is insufficient.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send above comments with attachments to NHDES, seconded by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.**

2. Edward Cioto Map 39 Lot 5 – Proposed dock modification reducing impacts over public submerged lands meeting Wt. 402.20. Modification of existing structures.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels it that what is being suggested doesn't meet NH DES rules for the number of slips proposed and to send a letter of comment.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send letter with above comments to NH DES, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**

3. Beverly Esson Map 80 Lot 27-1 – We propose replacing two existing 6'x30' seasonal floating docks (each connected to a pin at the shore by a 2'x12' ramp) with (2) 6'x40' seasonal lift-out docks. (Figure 1), (2) 3'x5' concrete pads would be installed at the shore to provide a pivot point and support for the docks. The 1200# granite block and approximately 200' of stainless steel chain used to tether, the existing two floating docks would be removed from the lake.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that the property will have 4 boat slips if approved. The change is from (2) 6'x30' slips to (2)6'x40'.

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

4. Richard Esson Map 80 Lot 26 – We propose replacing two 4'x30' seasonal docks with (1) 6'x40' seasonal lift-out dock to be affixed to an existing 3'x5' cement pad at the shore. (Figure 2), A seasonal stairway would be placed at the existing 3'x5' concrete pad at the shore. We also propose the repair of an existing 50' breakwater (Permit #2001-00991) to restore its structural integrity while maintaining its permitted dimensions. This structure was damaged during ice-out in the spring of 2007. Several large rocks were dislodged from the outer approximately 5', exposing the smaller core rocks. (Figure 1)

**Discussion:**

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

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

5. Lawrence & Janet Hebb Map 81 Lot 11 – repair an existing breakwater and cantilevered docking structure with no change in size, location, configuration or construction type as per Rule Wt. 303.04(v). Repair of breakwater consists of resetting dislodged/fallen rock and replacement of cantilevered poles (if required). Propose two culverts through breakwater to increase water movement behind breakwater. Repair an existing rip-rap slope with no change in size, location, configuration or construction type as per Rule Wt. 303.04(x). Maintenance dredge a 650 sq. ft. area (32 cu. yds.) to original lake bottom elevations as shown in previous approval #2002-02701. Dredge spoils to be placed outside of NHDES Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that there is no need for the culverts if there is a 27' gap at the shoreline. The Commission also posed the questions of "What of the 100% of proposed dredged area was previously dredged?" and "Has sufficient time lapsed to permit

redredging?” also “What is the justification for the need of the culvert?” The Commission feels comments need to be sent to NHDES.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection with comments to NHDES, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**

6. John Jeddrey, Jr. Map 12 Lot 16 – Driveway crossing

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that good judgment cannot be made because the lot as a whole is not accurately portrayed. The application does not indicate if there will be added wetlands impacts in the future for lot development. Surface conditions do not permit the Commission to determine if there are other wetlands on the property.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send letter with above comments the NHDES, seconded by D. Lawrence. 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 – Warrant Article  
This is just an FYI that the warrant article passed on funds for Land Use Change Tax.
2. DRED Support – D. Lawrence spoke with Steven Walker and his office is willing to write a letter in reference to the impacts the Motocross track would create.

**Other Business:**

None at this time

**Correspondence:**

1. Brian & Heather Welch Map 3 Lot 23 – FYI – Permit Approval
2. Harold Finethy Map 54 Lot 98 – FYI – Permit Approval

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by G. Young to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm, second by R. Burgess  
Motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin  
Secretary to the Conservation Commission