

**ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation and Planning Board).**

**March 23, 2017**

**7:00 pm**

**ALTON TOWN HALL**

**Approved Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order:** at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan Downing of the Alton Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Members Present:** Chairman Earl Bagley, Vice Chairman Gene Young, Treasurer Roger Burgess, Member Bob Doyle, Member Russ Wilder

**Members Absent:** Member David Hershey and Selectmen Representative Lou LaCourse

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition under Commission Reports: Russ Wilder. 1. Discussion on working on trails.

**MOTION by G. Young, second by R. Burgess to accept the Agenda as amended. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

1. **Parks and Recreation Commission** – Inviting the Planning Board and Conservation Commission members to a workshop to discuss the upcoming projects and future plans for recreation (including expansion of trail systems and recreation facilities).

Alton Parks and Recreation Commission Members Present – Jonathan Downing, Nancy Downing, Phil Whitman-Selectmen Representative, Alton Staff Representative Kellie Troendle, Kristen Thomas, and Elizabeth Shelton.

Planning Board – David Collier, Tom Hoopes.

7 pm Jonathan Downing distributed a handout for proposed trail from Parks and Rec, Responsible for Railroad Square, Alton Bay Community Center, Band Stand, Harmony Park, Town Beach, Jones Field, Liberty Tree Park (tennis courts), Ginny Douglas Park, Railroad Park, Gilford Line Beach, Roberts Cove, Echo Point Ramp and land, Half-moon ramp, Parks and Rec. facility. Makes recommendation to Selectmen for improvements or changes.

Main reason for combined meeting to show Planning Board and Conservation Commission what they are doing. Presentation of Quannippi Trail to travel from the Bay to the downtown. (Barton Griffin refers to Alton Bay and the Quannippi Trail (Quannippi means water). Kiosks to be erected to show trail. Further plan to connect further trails. Would like year-round activities. Ice Rink on Mill Pond. Bicycle trails on Alton Bay Forest. Grant monies available but someone must write the grant. Parks and Rec Commission would like to see better connection to the downtown area. ADA issues are what they deal with regarding updating facilities, docks, etc.

Would like to get the word out to the different town Commissions to peak interest.

R. Wilder brought the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition maps. Possible in the future to bring a trail up to Mount Major from connecting from town trails or the snowmobile trail. Currently the Conservation Commission working on the Gilman Pond trails. Would like to get the trail

information on the town website. There are many resources to work with, just need to work on getting it on the internet.

Discussion of problems with trails, ATVs, snowmobiles, and awareness of what is available, ie. Cross-country skiing. Discussion how snowmobile trails are beginning to have multiple users.

As a start, question if Parks and Rec planning on having a "button" on the town website to link to existing trail information. Would like to provide information regarding some of the trails that the Commission maintains. Seavey Trail, David Lawrence Trail, etc. Canoeing and hiking. Burke Trail on the town forest, Knights Pond, Trask Swamp, parking access by Jesus Valley Road, Alton Mountain (former Weston property), Kiosk at Mt. Major shows all the trails. R. Wilder to get with K. Troendle regarding trail information.

J. Downing shared we need draws ie. Bed and Breakfast, restaurants, golf, etc. Desire to leave town bike shop to trails.

Discussion on the need for housing for guests in Alton/Alton Bay.

Suggestion to meet periodically to get together for discussion on what is being done, coordinating projects, future plans, town Master Plan, etc. J. Downing to coordinate. G. Young to send his map with all conservation properties to J. Downing.

End joint meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Approval of March 9, 2017 Minutes** Minutes reviewed by Commission.

**MOTION by G. Young, Second by B. Doyle to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2017 as presented. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.**

**Presentations/Consultations:** None.

**Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:** Bagley Recused himself from this application.

1. **James & Lisa Hayes** – Map 38, Lot 50, 23 Richardson Drive, (ZBA Variance). To permit a garage to be built four (4) feet from each property line setback, where ten (10) feet is required. The garage encroachment on the neighbor's lot will be removed and the new garage will be entirely on the Hayes' lot.

**The Conservation reviewed with the same concern as before when presented to Conservation Commission concern for access for servicing the septic.**

E. Bagley resumed seat

**Standard Dredge and Fill Application:**

1. **Cedar Cove Association** – Map 18, Lot 29-55, DeWitt Drive, Make necessary repairs to an existing grandfathered docking structure (Main Pier) pursuant to Env-Wt.101.76 and Env-Wt.101.77 modify two finger piers pursuant to Env-Wt.402.21. Modification will result in 7.4 sq. ft. reduction of existing impacts, reduce a pre-existing boat slip and better accommodate two interior "boat slips" pursuant to Env-Wt.101.10 (a). **(40-day hold 3/10/2013). NHDES Application Returned Due to Missing Information, Motion by R. Burgess, second by B. Doyle. No objection. Release the hold. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.**

**Permit by Notification:** None.

**Minimum Impact Expedited:** None.

**Shoreland Permit Application:**

1. **Charles Alexander & Ann Peters** – Map 79, Lot 13. 616 Rattlesnake Island. The proposal consists of proposed additions to an existing cottage. This proposal will add 1,055.45 sq. ft. to an existing cottage, (349.8 sq. ft. of ex-footprint to be utilized), add 749 sq. ft. of new deck area behind the local shoreline building setback (not extending closer to the reference line than the existing home) and add a new deck (352 sq. ft.) to the existing non-conforming cottage pursuant to RSA483-B:11(V). Proposal will also provide for a new single-family residential disposal system design.

**Conservation reviewed with the following comment: Proposed 12 ft deck attached to the proposed non-conforming pre-existing structure should not be constructed. Trees planning to be cut to build the deck should be left.**

2. **Timothy & Mehrnaz Aaghvami-Long** – Map 64, Lots 17 & 25, 150-160 Smith Point Road. Replace an existing residence with a new larger residence on Lot 17: Shift and enlarge the existing driveway, constructing 1950 sq. ft. of its surface as pervious. Reconstruct walkways between the residence and waterfront and residence and roadside residence. Walkways will be pervious. Replace existing cess-pool in the Waterfront Buffer with a septic tank. An existing patio at the shoreline will be relocated further from the shoreline and constructed as pervious. Remove an existing shed and pavilion. Lot 25: Replace an existing parking area with a smaller footprint, and construct a 12' wide driveway at the NE corner of the lot. Construct a garage outside of the Shoreland Protection Zone. Lots 17 & 25: Install a new septic system and storm water management.

**Commission reviewed with the following comment: The Commission would like to schedule a site visit walk. Cindy, please contact the owner and if she could schedule a site walk with the owner and the engineer.**

3. **Robert Carrigg** – Map 77, Lot 12. 330 Rattlesnake. Island. The installation of a house and deck. Removal of trees within the waterfront buffer. Installation of (2) sheds and a septic system. Site grading to accommodate the new house, sheds, and septic. The installation of natural stone retaining walls and natural stone steps to accommodate to the site grading. Installation of bio-retention area and drain pipes. Installation of a 6' wide access path.

**Commission reviewed with the following comment: All setbacks need to be met with proposed project. New structure should be put behind the 50' primary setback line.**

4. **Bob & Claudia Shilo-** Map 45, Lot 4, 7 Red Sands Road. The project includes the removal of an existing house and installation of a new proposed house in which the footprint expands. We will offset the expanded footprint by removing all impervious patios and installing new impervious patios in place, as well as throughout the property. Bio swales will also be installed to accommodate to the impervious surface run-off. A portion of the driveway will be reconfigured within the 250' setback as well as a portion of the proposed garage. Granite steps will be installed to provide access from house to patios and from patios to beach/water area. Re-grading will be done to accommodate to the proposed landscape additions. All work done to occur on Lake Winnepesaukee.

**Commission reviewed with the following comment: All setbacks need to be met with proposed project. New structure should be put behind the 50' primary setback line.**

**Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:** None.

**Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN)** None.

**Commissioner Reports:**

1. Russ Wilder – discussion on working on trails before “black fly season”.  
Going out to work on and finish Gilman Pond trails. Get out to Lot 53 (need to confirm boundaries) and then determine whether a surveyor should be hired. Need to freshen up the blazes. (side note: Lou LaCourse would like to continue on the Conservation Commission. Cindy working on a recommendation letter to the Selectman). Russ will coordinate with Cindy to put together a time for getting commission members out to work on the trails at Gilman Pond.

**Other Business:**

1. **Legislative and Rulemaking Update**

**Notice of Intent to Cut:** None.

**Correspondence:**

1. **Caroline & Michael Girouard** – Map 77, Lot 24. 260 Rattlesnake Island, **NHDES Approval Date 3/6/2017. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
2. **Douglas & Jane Cook** – Map 46, Lot 15. 225 Damon Drive, **NHDES Approval Date 3/6/2017. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
3. **George & Julianne Archer** – Map 81, Lot 29, 42 Big Barndoor Island. **NHDES Approval Date 1/18/2017. Approval is Subject to the Project Specific Conditions.**
4. **Paul Kroon** – Map 54, Lot 11, 23 Roger Street. **NHDES Approval Date 1/13/2017. Approval is Subject to the Project Specific Conditions.**

**Adjournment:** 8:35 p.m. **MOTION by G. Young, Second by B. Doyle to adjourn at 8:35 pm. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Schaeffner, Recording Secretary