Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 5/22/08 Minutes of May 8, 2008

Members Present: David Lawrence, Earl Bagley, Gene Young, Justine Gengras, and Alan Sherwood as Selectmen's Representative

Members absent: Roger Burgess

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from the April 24, 2008 meeting.

Motion made by G. Young to approve the minutes as written, seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

None at this time

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. Hoopes – Byrne Site Walk

T. Hoopes gave the Commission a copy of the May 5, 2008 Planning Board Site Walk report for Byrne Development proposed subdivision, Hillcrest Estates.

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

- 1. Byrne Development Map 15 Lot 17 Continued Application.
- T. Hoopes recused himself, as this subdivision is currently before the Planning Board.

The Commission delayed acting on this application, as snow cover prevented inspection of the parcel. The project application photos do not adequately show the wetlands impact areas.

- J. Gengras: On May 5, inspected the location of the proposed shared driveway crossing of the perennial stream and found that project plans do not show the narrow flood plains flanking the perennial stream. The flood plains show signs of being impacted by bank overflow during spring runoff. Project plans do not include an enlarged cross-section for the stream crossing culverts. The location proposed for development on Lots 2 and 3 slopes toward the stream. More water will drain to the brook when these lots are developed, but project plans don't address a change in hydrology. In addition, the shared-driveway crossing requires filling the flood plain on both sides of the brook, creating a "dam" effect.
- E. Bagley: The stream on this parcel drains under Route 28A into the brook on the Chestnut Cove subdivision, where drainage, erosion and siltation problems have already occurred for downstream abutters. The development and access road in steep-sloped areas will change site hydrology. There is potential for more drainage problems for project abutters.
- J. Gengras moved to send a comment to NH Wetlands Bureau, stating that the Commission objects to the project as currently proposed, noting concerns about site hydrology, water quality and potential adverse indirect impacts to downstream abutters and request that a wetlands inspector view the site, second by David Lawrence. The motion carried with all in favor.

T. Hoopes rejoined the Commission

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:

None at this time.

Permit By Notification:

- **1. Eileen Dumouchel Map 41 Lot 16** Install 2 seasonal boatlifts in existing boat slips and install 1 seasonal PWC lift in existing boat slip. FYI Commission signed 4/28/08.
- **2.** Woodhaven Trust, Timothy J. Sullivan, Trustee. Map 53, Lot 2. Rebuild docks and deck, no change in size or configuration.

The Commission reviewed the application and found that the application met NHDES rules. Motion by J. Gengras to have the Chairman sign the application, 2nd by D. Lawrence. The motion carried with all in favor.

Minimum Impact Expedited:

John Smith. Map 53, Lot 4. Replace 2 ice clusters.

The Commission reviewed the application and found that the application met NHDES rules. **Motion by J. Gengras to direct the Chairman to sign the application, second by D. Lawrence. The motion carried with all in favor.**

Commissioner Reports:

None at this time.

Other Business:

1. Clough-Morrill Trust land.

T. Hoopes suggested the Commission contact the Clough-Morrill Trust trustees regarding the Trust land abutting Trask Swamp (Tax Map 14, Lot 14) and see if permanent, formal conservation protection could be arranged. The land was bequested to the Town, but is managed by the Trustees. Some years ago, the Trustees made an informal agreement with the Commission to keep the land abutting the Swamp in conservation. Trustee J. Houle and former Commissioner J. Peverly who made the agreement are now deceased. J. Gengras said that in February 2006 she spoke with Trust Chairman J. Houle regarding this matter. At Houle's suggestion, she sent a letter to the trustees from the Commission, but never received a response. A. Sherwood offered to follow-up and report back to the Commission.

2. Jackson/Barbarossa Monitoring 2007

SPNHF requested a copy of the Commission's 2007 monitoring report for the Jackson/Bararossa conservation easement. D. Lawrence said he had turned in the 2007 report. J. Gengras said she would see that a copy was sent to SPNHF.

3. Conservation Commission administrative procedures.

J. Gengras noted that a large amount of paper is used to provide Commissioners with copies of all incoming correspondence. In the interest of reducing copying and paper use, she asked how many Commissioners wanted copies. As only one commissioner wanted copies, the consensus was to list all correspondence in the agenda and minutes. Correspondence will be available for inspection, and copies made on an as needed basis.

4. Bellknap Range Conservation Coalition Meeting.

D. Lawrence reminded Commissioners of the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition's informational meeting on May 28, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Gilman Museum and urged all to attend.

Correspondence:

- 1. David & Carolyn Gregory Map 60, Lot 19 FYI Permit Approval, NHDES file #2008-00532
- 1. New Hampshire 354 LLC -Map 53, Lot 3-3 FYI Minimum Expedite -Request For More Info NHDES file #2008-00533
- 3. Deep Water Realty Trust Map 56, Lot 39 NHDES File #2008-00622 FYI Receipt
- 4. Caroline F. Butler Map 38, Lot 53 NHDES File #2008-00623 FYI Receipt
- 5. James Patterson Map 61, Lot 5 FYI Permit Approval NHDES File #2007-02890
- 6. James Curvey Map 21, Lot 24 FYI Permit Approval NHDES File #2008-00260
- 7. James Curvey Map 21, Lot 25 FYI Permit Approval NHDES File #2008-00268
- 8. Edward Cioto Map 39, Lot 5 FYI Standard App, Request For More Info, NHDES File #2008-00274
- 9. Town of Alton Cook Road ROW FYI NHDES File 2008-00667 Receipt
- 10. Eileen Dumouchel Map 41, Lot 16 FYI PBN, Request For More Info NHDES File #2008-00671
- 11. Thomas DiPace Map 38, Lot 27-1 FYI NHDES Denied Reconsideration NHDES File #2007-01800
- 12. West Alton Marina, Map 17, Lot 29-9 FYI Requested Info & Plans NHDES File #2007-02500.

Adjournment:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm, second by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justine Gengras Secretary Pro Tem