

ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ALTON TOWN HALL
June 9th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Approved
7/14/22
Gene Young
Earl Bagley
David Mank

Members and others Present:

Gene Young, Chairman
Russ Wilder
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman's Rep
Dana Rhodes, Vice Chairman
Tom Diveny

Members Absent: Tom Diveny

Call Meeting to Order: Called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman

Approval of Agenda: Russ Wilder added a report under Commissioner's Reports, Agenda approved as amended

Approval of Minutes:

- 1) Meeting minutes May 26, 2022
- 2) Public Hearing minutes may 26, 2022

Motion by Russ Wilder, second by Dana Rhodes to approve the minutes of may 26, 2022, and the minutes of the Public hearing of May 26, 2022 as printed. 6 yea, 0 nay, motion passed.

PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS

(Any permit or application that has been signed off by the Chair or Vice-Chair is entered here for the record, unless any Commissioner has questions or comments)

Standard Wetlands Dredge and Fill Applications:

1) **Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Application – Porter Street Realty Trust – 184 Smith Point Road. M64 L21** – Applicant proposes to impact 1215 sq ft to install a 219 sq ft pervious pathway with steps to access the water and plant native species. Planting pockets supported by non-contiguous natural field stone to stabilize and naturalize an eroding bank.

Motion by Russ Wilder, second by David Mank to comment that we would prefer to see the steps and path located in the area where riprap already exists, rather than cutting through ground cover and roots in an otherwise stable bank. 5 yea, 1 abstain, motion passed.

Shoreland Permit Applications:

- 1) **Shoreland Permit Application – D'entremont, Cathy G & Stephen P, 11 Archie Lane, M40 L35** – Applicant proposes the reconstruction of an existing 3-bedroom home, and the construction of a retaining wall in the 50' waterfront buffer zone.

The Commissioners had no comments

NHDES Alteration of Terrain Applications

- 1) Green Oaks Realty
- 2) Route 28 Boat Storage

Motion by Russ Wilder, second by Dana Rhodes to take the Green Oaks Realty AoT from the table and turn it and the Route 28 AoT over to the Planning Board with no comment. Further, it shall be the policy of the

Commission to offer no comment on Alteration of Terrain permit applications in the future. 6 yea, 0 nay, motion passed.

Reoccurring/Unfinished Business & Projects:

1) Lake Lay monitoring Program

2) Green Oaks Realty

The chairman reported on discussions with the Town Planner regarding the proposal to hold a special meeting with the PB to discuss ConCom requirements for granting the permit. The Town's attorney advised that such a meeting would be problematic, so ConCom reps will attend the next regular PB meeting to clarify the ConCom position. ConCom wants the slope installed and stabilized prior to the permit being issued, assurance that the slope will not be invaded in the future. Rueben Wentworth reported that the BOS rep to PB reported to BOS that some members of PB think ConCom is not being cooperative in resolving the issues since ConCom has not appeared at PB meetings.

3) Natural Resources Inventory update

4) SPNHF letter of support

5) Bridges and Signs

Gene young asked for reimbursement for \$111.56 for the purchase of planks, rebar, and screws for the construction of a bog bridge at Gilman Pond. The bridge was constructed on June 7. Motion by Russ Wilder, second by Earl Bagley to reimburse the expense of \$111.56. 6 yea, 0 nay, motion passed.

6) Conservation Fund withdrawal

Dana Rhodes moved that The Commission, having met the statutory requirements to do so, including holding a public hearing on May 26, 2022, will withdraw \$62,125 from the Conservation Fund. The funds will be donated to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to help fund the costs of acquisition of a conservation easement on a 160 acre portion of the West property, map 14, lot 3 in Alton, NH.

The Society will grant to the Town of Alton an executory interest in the conservation easement. Second by Russ Wilder, 6 yea, 0 nay, motion passed.

New Business:

Notice of Intent to Cut Timber:

- 1) Prospect Forest Enterprises LLC – Stockbridge Corner, M6 L32**
- 2) Decoster, Frank A Rev. Trust – 682 Stockbridge Corner, M6 L29**
- 3) Young / Rollins Fam Rev Trust – Drew Hill Road , M15 L31-B**
- 4) Prospect Forest Enterprises LLC – Stockbridge Corner Road, M6 L27, M6 L31, M6 L28-5, M6 L28-6, M6 L31-2, M3 L22 & 23, M6 L38**
- 5) Collins, Joseph M & Deborah S – Youngtown Road, M8 L18**

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman Report-

Vice Chair Report-

Member Reports- Russ Wilder – the request from SPNHF for a letter of support for the trail relocation on Mt. Major's blue trail. Russ is opposed to the relocation as SPNHF is considering due to the adverse effects on the forest and the need to keep Ames Road open for emergency access. Rueben Wentworth moved to allow the

chair to sign a letter opposing the new trail and to use Ames Road for hiker access. ConCom to offer to help SPNHF request the Town's help to upgrade and stabilize Ames Road for trail and emergency services use. Second by Dana Rhodes. 6 yea, 0 nay, motion passed.

Correspondence:

- 1) **NHDES Notice of Acceptance of Application-** Alteration of Terrain Permit Application, Route 128 Storage LLC, Map 9 Lot 6
- 2) **NHDES Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit** – Saba, 21 Pumpkin Point, M51 L14

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

June 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene young, chairman

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