

**Minutes of July 10, 2008 Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Earl Bagley, Justine Gengras, Tom Hoopes, Roger Burgess, David Lawrence, Gene Young

**Members absent:**

Alan Sherwood, Selectman's Rep.

**Call Meeting to Order: Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Earl Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion made by Tom Hoopes to approve the agenda as amended, second by D. Lawrence** by adding Earl Bagley's and J. Gengras's report under Commissioner Reports and also adding Boundary Markings, under Other Business #5.

**Public Input:**

None at this time.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of June 12, 2008 minutes

**Motion made by Tom Hoopes to approve the minutes of June 12, 2008, seconded by Dave Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Presentations/Consultations:**

None at this time.

**Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:**

1. Tom Hoopes reports Planning Dept. is reaching a decision on the Elderly Housing. J. Gengras asked about wetlands impacts. T. Hoopes said there are small sections of wetlands all over the property.
2. Boundary Line adjustment in the middle of big seep on Finnegan Subdivision property. J. Gengras is concerned it will affect the US Army Corps of Engineers mandated 100' Buffer. T. Hoopes will look into it.

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

1. **State of NH Dept. of Transportation**—At the NH DOT's Alton Patrol Shed, fill in a previously constructed sediment basin approximately 7900 sq. ft. using ditching material. This basin is no longer used for its constructed purpose because materials on site are now stored inside.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and feels strongly about the contaminated ditching material being used to fill in the basin. The use of ditching material that is likely contaminated with salt and road oil is unacceptable and compounding to the problem of Phragmites an invasive plant species. The commission finds that a clean, water-permeable fill will be suitable to fill in the basin.

**Motion made by G. Young to send a letter to NH DES expressing their concerns, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**

2. **Gerald & Linda Paxton** – Map 57, Lot 9 – Construct (2) 6'x30' fingers supported by (4) 6'x6' cribs connected by a 4'x12' walkway with 6' wide access stairs to shore.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and finds the applicant has the required frontage and the application accurately portrays the proposed project.

**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.**

3. **Town of Alton-** Map 33, Lot 84, Harmony Park, Swale Reconstruction.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and finds that the application meets the NH DES rules and to send a standard letter of no objections.

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

4. **Joseph Parrella & Sharon Kelley-** Map 66, Lot 10, Replace deteriorated and unsafe retaining wall w/natural banking restoration. Project 100' Long.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and finds that the application meets the NH DES rules and to send a letter to NH DES.

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

5. **Jayne Brown –** Map 74, Lot 46, Remove existing 8'x24' seasonal dock and construct a 6'x30' permanent dock supported by (6) piling and install one (3) piling ice cluster.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and finds that the applicant is going from a nonconforming to a conforming dock. The commission finds that the application meets the NH DES rules and to send a letter to NH DES.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send a standard letter of no objection to NH DES, 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:**

1. Town of Alton, Map 41, Lot Right-of-Way. Echo Point Rd. Repair and re-pave the existing public boat ramp (300 sq ft.) at the end of Echo Point Rd. **FYI Signed by Commission on July 7, 2008**

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and states that the boat ramp is not a public boat ramp. Cars block the road when using it for boat ramp. T. Hoopes stated that it is a **fire access, water and cattle access**. E. Bagley stated that paving is not permitted below the high water mark. T. Hoopes will discuss the deed restrictions with Town Administrator, R. Bailey.

**Minimum Impact Expedited Application:**

1. Douglas & Jane Cook, Map 46, Lot 14, Repair existing slope of breakwater. Approx. wetlands impact 250 Sq Ft. **FYI Commission signed on July 7, 2008**

**Commissioner Reports:**

F.Y.I – J. Gengras reported she called NHDES for clarification of the Timber Notification Permit issued for a lot for Tax Map 8, Lot 25, Elderly Housing project. NHDES inspector Vanessa Burns said she also received calls from Alton Planning Office and from the applicant's attorney on same issue. She went to the top compliance person to get a rendering on the situation. The permit was issued properly.

J. Gengras reported Keith Chamberlin called her, concerned about re-channeling a stream on a Range Road property. She told him several years ago, the Commission reviewed an application for a very long driveway across wetlands there and was concerned about impacts. The application was approved by DES. J. Gengras recommended calling the Wetlands Bureau and ask if there was a transfer of the permit to the new owner. Also he could check the plan at Town Hall, take pictures without trespassing and complain to DES. E. Bagley reported K. Chamberlain also called him with the same complaint.

**Other Business:**

1. Ray Carbone from Dailey Sun would like Agenda's e-mailed to him. **Commission agreed**
2. NHSC Inc., Wetlands Restoration Monitoring Report, Bernard Prop. Rollins Rd., Alton
3. Missing Sign at Gilman Pond, **Motion made by G. Young to order another sign, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**
4. Expenses Report
5. Boundary Markings, **D. Lawrence purchasing pale blue spray cans to mark boundaries at Gilman Pond Conservation Area. T. Hoopes donated flagging for boundary marking.**

**Correspondence:**

1. John Smith, Map 53, Lot 4, NHDES File #2008-00748
2. West Alton Marina, Map 17, Lots 29 & 9, File #2007-02500, Revised Plans.
3. Paul & Natalie Rougemont, Map 38, Lot 26, File #2008-00841.
4. Joseph Byrne, Map 15, Lots 17, 17-4, 17-5, Permit # WPS-8158
5. Robert & Wendy Moores, Map 64, Lot 12, File #2008-00926
6. Jennifer Smotrycz, Map 75, Lot 64, File #2008-00919 Request for more info.
7. Edward Cioto, Map 39, Lot 5, File #2008-00274
8. James C. Curvey, Map 21A, Lot 25, File #2008-00268, Repair 42' L shape breakwater.
9. James C. Curvey, Map 21, Lot 24, File #2008-00260,
10. NH 354 LLC, , 354 Route 11D, Alton, Map 53, Lot 3-3 File # 2008-00533
11. Lawrence & Janet Hebb, Map 81, Lot 11, File # 2008-00339
12. Ralph Hutchins Jr. Map 80, Lot 7, File #2007-02310
13. Shoreland Protection Act Update, 8/21/08 @ 7:00pm @ Barnstead Town Hall
14. DES Watershed Grant RFP available
15. Joseph Develis, Map 80, Lot 3, File #2004-02959 Requested to remove portions of fence.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by Roger Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, second by Gene Young. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Calligandes  
Secretary to the Conservation Commission