ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date: July 23, 2020 ALTON TOWN HALL 6:00 P.M.

<u>DRAFT MINUTES</u>

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gene Young at 6:00pm.

Members Present

Gene Young (chairman), Earl Bagley, (vice chair), Russ Wilder, Virgil McDonald, (Board of Selectman's Representative)

Members Absent

Bob Doyle, Quinn Golden

Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda: court decision under Old Business; potential parking on Valley Road; potential project - 300 acres on Long Stack next to Knights Pond.

R. Wilder made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input

None.

Presentations/Consultations

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of June 25, 2020

R. Wilder made a motion to approve the June 25, 2020 minutes. Second by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items

None.

Standard Dredge and Fill Application

None.

Permit by Notification

1. Town of Alton, Alton Bay bandstand

The bandstand is sitting on dredge material from channels which were dug on either side coming into the bay. There is only 4' of water around the bandstand. The Commission reviewed the plans and had no concerns.

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2. Peter Sampson, Rattlesnake Island, Map 78, Lot 12

The plans are to repair the jetty; the project won't be more than 3-4 days with no impact on anything else. The Commission reviewed the plans and had no concerns.

Minimum Impact Expedited

Alton Highway Department - Quindley property, 321 Hall's Hill Road

There is a retention pond in the area along with a 24" culvert. The pond needs to be dredged for maintenance reasons and all dredge materials will be carried away.

The Commission reviewed the plans and had no concerns.

Shoreland Permit Application

None.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

Town of Alton, Range Road Ditch Maintenance - The Commission reviewed the plans and had no concerns.

Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN)

Andrew Kenney – The proposed expansion is to add a 205 square foot area to the existing 442 square foot beach; same materials will be used. The Commission reviewed the plans and had no concerns.

Old Business

Timber Easement Trespass – Debris from construction on adjacent lot has been pushed onto easement property and corner pin has been dislodged. Easement property owner was contacted in March, letter sent but due to COVID-19, there has been no follow-up. Commission needs to initiate contract with owner again and photograph the area. R. Wilder will contact and setup a meeting and site visit.

Commissioner Reports

- Russ Wilder snowmobile club bridge building There was discussion by the snowmobile club about building a bridge but no one on the Commission recalls permission being granted for this project. R. Wilder talked to Larry Brown and they are trying to setup a site visit.
- 2. Parking on Jesus Valley Road Parking is needed fo Mount Major overflow; the old log landing on Stage Coach Road could be used. Land owners agree and want to name it in honor of Addison Cote. The Commission supports the plan and is prepared to

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contribute.

- 3. 300 Acres on Longstack/Knight's Pond The property owners are interested in getting the property conserved. There is Fish & Game conservation land surrounding it. The Commission is working to find if there are people in the area in support of the conservation and paying for the potential project.
- 4. Belknap Superior Court Decision Green Oak Realty vs. Town of Alton/Planning Board. The decision was that the Planning Board made the right decision and the Conservation Commission has an easement on the property and is there for an abutter for purposes of notification. The issues came about when the Commission stated they didn't know if they could approve excavation within 50' of the property line. The decision allows the Commission to be a dis-approving party and no permit issued. It was noted something were done on the property that don't meet what the Commission asked for but can't be verified.

Notice of Intent to Cut

The Commission reviewed the following Notices of Intent to Cut:

- 1. Prospect Forest Enterprises, Coffin Brook Map 5, Lot 36A
- 2. Steven Rollins, Mt. Major Highway, Map 17, Lot 2
- 3. Dori Ann Eley-Sigler, Drew Hill Road, Map 15, Lot 74
- 4. Virginia Portique, 146 Coffin Brook Road, Map 5, Lot 44
- 5. Prospect Forest Enterprises, Stockbridge Corner Road, Chamberlain Road, Valley Road
- 6. R.S. McLucas Trucking, Rand Hill Road, Map 11, Lot 4

Correspondence

Belknap County Conservation District press release.

Adjourn

Motion made by E. Bagley to adjourn the meeting. Second by R. Wilder. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary