

**ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

ALTON TOWN HALL  
**July 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Members:**

Gene Young, Chairman

Dana Rhodes, Vice Chairman

Earl Bagley

Russ Wilder

Tom Diveny

David Mank

Reuben Wentworth, Selectman's Rep

**Others Present:**

**Members Absent:** David Mank

**Call Meeting to Order:** Called to order by the chairman at 5:56 pm

**Approval of Agenda:**

*The agenda was approved as printed*

**Approval of Minutes:**

July 14, 2022 minutes – Russ Wilder moved, and Dana Rhodes seconded, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2022 as written. 5 yeas, Reuben Wentworth abstained, 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 Permit Application – Charles Frank, 12 Temple Drive, map 53, lot 5**

Rebuild existing U-shaped crib dock and permanent roof with new construction to be rotated counterclockwise to be perpendicular to shore. Additionally, full dimensional cribs to be permanently removed and pilings to be installed, reducing lakebed impact area significantly.

*The commissioners discussed the project, and have no objection*

**2) Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application – Joseph Doldo, 88 Rogers St., Map 54, lot 35**

Repair existing deck area at shore and replace existing 6'-0" x 24'-8" permanent dock with a 6'-0" x 40'-0" seasonal dock.

*The commissioners discussed the project, and have no objection*

**3) Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application – Kevin McDonald & Chingju Jenny Chang, 13 Loon cove Road, Map 50, lot 15**

The applicant is proposing to replace their existing permanent docking structure (175 sq.ft.) and removing the seasonal finger (240 sq.ft.) attached to it along Lake Winnepesaukee. Additionally, this project proposes the installation of a new "U" shaped seasonal dock (601 sq.ft.) with an associated seasonal canopy (680 sq.ft.). These new structures will be located attached to the end of the replaced permanent docking structure. The new structures have been located here, due to the shallow water levels and large quantity of rocks/boulders being

present around the permanent docking structure. In order to attain proper access to boat slip viable water (at least 3 ft. deep) the seasonal dock needs to be located further out into the water. Permanent impacts to the lake will be needed for the replacement of the permanent docking structure, the installation of the "U" shaped seasonal dock, and the installation of the canopy. These permanent impacts will total approximately 1,456 sq.ft.. This project in total will impact approximately 1,456 sq.ft. of the lake.

*The commissioners discussed the project, and have no objection*

### **Shoreland Permit Applications:**

#### **1) Shoreland Permit Application – Bruce & Celeste Amlicke, 96 Black Point Road, map 45, lot 10**

Project to effect 4487 sq. ft. to install infiltration drains, convert an impervious stone entrance to pervious cobblestone entrance, install pervious stone garage apron, install pervious patio with spa, install a pervious water access walkway with stone steps, convert and impervious stone patio to pervious stone patio, install stone steps, granite curbing, loam and seed exposed soils and previous lawn area.

*The commissioners discussed the project, and have no objection*

#### **2) Shoreland Permit Application – Gregory Arnold & Caroline Liberti, 158 Minge Cove Road, Map 60, lots 15 & 8**

Construct an attached garage. Reconfigure the existing driveway to provide access to the garage. Install a septic system

*The commissioners discussed the project, noted that the project will need a waiver to build within the 25' front property line setback. and have no objection*

#### **3) Shoreland Permit Application – Littlemark Island Trust, Map 56, lot 22**

Owners propose to raze the existing buildings on the island, and rebuild in the same location with slight deviation and a new 3000 gallon holding tank for the septic

*The commissioners discussed the project, and have no objection*

### **Reoccurring/Unfinished Business & Projects:**

#### **1) Lake Lay Monitoring Program**

*The second sampling was done on July 27. Tom Diveny moved to compensate John Kifer for the use of his boat in the amount of \$100 for the two trips made so far. Seconded by Dana Rhodes. 6 yea, motion passed. The next sampling will be done the week of August 15.*

#### **2) Property monitoring and reports**

Incident and trash at Stockbridge Forest

*Gene Young reported that the access road off of Route 28 onto the Stockbridge Forest has been used recently by unknown persons, who left sleeping bags and other trash about 100 yards into the forest. The police dept. was informed, and the department declined to investigate unless there was damage or obvious illegal activity. A work party was organized for Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> to remove the trash. The highway department will be contacted to see if a boulder can be placed in the access.*

#### **3) Green Oak Realty gravel pit**

#### **4) Natural Resource Inventory Update**

Discussion: email from Stoney Ridge

*Cindy Balcius asked how the Commission wants to define agricultural land in Town, and the members agreed to use the State's definition for agricultural land. It was agreed that the members would review the draft NRI, and arrange a meeting with Stoney Ridge Environmental for August or September to discuss finalizing the plan.*

**5) Gilman Pond management plan** – *The chairman recused himself and turned the meeting over to the vice chair*

1) Review contract

*The members accepted the draft contract as written, with the removal of a highlighted note left by the attorney.*

2) Select contractor

*The member discussed the merits of each applicant, and both were viewed favorably.*

*Russ Wilder moved to offer the contact to Dalton Mountain Forestry, seconded by Tom Diveny. 2 yea, 2 no, 1 abstain (Rueben Wentworth), motion failed.*

*Russ Wilder moved to award the contract to New England Forestry Consultants Inc., seconded by Tom Diveny. 4 yea, 1 abstain (Rueben Wentworth), motion passed.*

**6) Conserved Property signs**

Discussion

*The members discussed various ideas for placing signs on the Town-owned conservation lands to let the public know they exist. The cost of posts and sign boards was discussed, and rejected due to construction work and challenges associated with installing them.*

*Agreed to investigate metal signs to be attached to trees, and make more use of the 4" disc signs we have on hand.*

**Comissioner Reports:**

**Chairman Report-**

*Gene Young reported on the progress on the DES watershed grant for cyanobacteria mitigation on Mill Pond, which is in the initial engineering phase. The pre-proposal is due at DES in September.*

**Vice Chair Report-** none

**Member Reports-** none

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

August 11, 2022, 6:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Young, chairman