

ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF MEETING
ALTON TOWN HALL
August 11, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Members:

Gene Young, Chairman

Russ Wilder

Reuben Wentworth, Selectman's Rep

Dana Rhodes, Vice Chairman

Tom Diveny

Earl Bagley

David Mank

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Earl Bagley, Reuben Wentworth

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

Public Announcements: none

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as printed

Presentations/Consultations: none

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting of July 28, 2022

Dana Rhodes moved to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022 as presented. Second by Tom Diveny. 4 yea, David Mank 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)

Planning Board/ZBA Department Head Review Agenda Items:

1) ZBA Case #Z22-18, Balcius – A Special Exception to Article 400, Section 401 D. 37 to use an existing residence as a “Professional Office” in the Rural Zone.

Signed by Gene Young on August 1, with no comment

2) ZBA Case #Z22-17, Miltner – A Variance to Article 400, Section 452 A to create a nonconforming lot in the Rural Zone (2 acre minimum) by merging 2 lots that will total to .47 acres.

Signed by Gene Young on August 1, 2022 with no comment

3) PB Case #22-24, Balcius – Proposal to run a Professional Office for Stoney Ridge Environmental, LLC, as a Home Business.

Reviewed by the Commissioners, no comments made

Wetland Permit by Notification (PBN): *None*

Minimum Impact Expedited Applications: *None*

Standard Wetlands Dredge and Fill Applications: *None*

Shoreland Permit by Notification (SPBN): *None*

Shoreland Permit Applications:

1) **Shoreland Permit Application – Erin & Jacob Sears, 146 Spring Street, Map 36, lot 36**

The plan is to install infiltration steps and a porous walk

Reviewed the application, Commission has no objection

2) **Shoreland permit Application – Smethurst Family Rev. Trust, 51 Indian Shore Rd, Map 62, lot 1**

The plan is to rebuild the existing house in the same location, add 590 sq. ft. addition, deck, retaining walls, pervious pavement

Russ Wilder moved to make comments – If the building is being replaced, it may not qualify for the waiver requested. Also, the plan may not qualify for the deck on the lake side if it was built after July 1, 1994; the first record of the building in the tax rolls is October 16, 1995. The plan appears to violate Alton's 30' lakefront setback. Second by Gene Young, 5 yea 0 no, motion passed.

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities: *None*

Reoccurring/Unfinished Business & Projects:

1) **Lake Lay Monitoring Program**

Next testing is planned for the week of August 15, probably on the 19th if weather is good

2) **Property Monitoring and Reports**

1) **Stockbridge Forest trash cleanup**

The trash was bagged and hauled to the dump by Tom Diveny, Dana Rhodes, and Gene Young. The highway Dept. will place some boulders at the entrance this Fall. Short discussion about removing the tires that were dumped in the woods near the snowmobile bridge on the Coffin Brook tributary near the North boundary of the forest. Possible project for next year.

3) **Green Oak Realty**

1) **Bill from Jason Reimers for consultation**

Russ Wilder moved to pay the \$675 bill from BCM Law and Jason Reimers for consultation on the Green Oaks gravel pit operating permit. Seconded by Dana Rhodes, 5 yea, 0 no, motion passed.

4) **Natural Resources Inventory Update**

The commissioners agreed with the plan to meet with Stoney Ridge in September to discuss edits, additions, costs, so that the cost could be budgeted in 2023.

5) **Gilman pond Management Plan**

The contract with Nefco is ready to sign, working on getting all of the insurance certificates in hand

6) 2023 Budget

Budget season is upon us. The chair asked the Commissioners to think about next year’s budget, projects. Preliminary budget should be ready by early September.

New Business: *None*

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman Report-

Vice Chair Report-

Member Reports-

Russ Wilder – proposed that the Commission prepare a warrant article to ask the Town to place all of the Current Use Tax change penalty funds in the Conservation Fund. Land is becoming more expensive, projects are often larger, and especially development pressure in the Belknaps is increasing, so conservation efforts need to be made soon. Russ offered to draft the article. The Commission agreed to consider the plan.

Notice of Intent to Cut Timber:

Correspondence:

- 1) NHDES – Shoreland permit #2022-01941, Robin L. Nahill Revocable Trust
- 2) NHDES – Shoreland Permit #2022-01573 John Pelletier, map 18, lot 39-7
- 3) NHDES – RFI Shoreland Permit Application, Alexander Khutoretsky, Map 72, lot 123
- 4) NHDES – Wetlands permit #2022-01624 Porter Street Realty Trust, map 64, lot 21
- 5) NHDES – RFI Standard Dredge and Fill Application, Chingju Jenny Chang

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

- **Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 pm**

Adjournment: *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm*