

ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

ALTON TOWN HALL
August 25, 2022, 6:00 pm
MINUTES

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: Russ Wilder, Rueben Wentworth

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Public Announcements:

Approval of Agenda:

Add ZBA Case #Z22-19 Brown, and ZBA Case #Z22-20 Darrah. Agenda approved as amended.

Presentations/Consultations:

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of August 11, 2022

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 #Z22-19 Dexter & Holly Brown, Map 5, lot 6. The Proposal is An Equitable Waiver of Dimension is requested in Accordance with Article 500, Section 540 B. of the Zoning Ordinance to provide Equitable Waiver relief for the existing house which encroaches into the 25' ROW setback.

The Commission reviewed the proposal and made no comments

2) ZBA Case #Z22-20 Joseph Darrah Map 52 lot 13 The proposal if for a Variance to Article 300, Section 327 A. 2. of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a 26' x 30' garage that will be located 10' from the ROW/property line along Route 11D.

The Commission reviewed the proposal and has no objection

Wetland Permit by Notification (PBN):

1) Farrer 102 Timber Ridge Road, Map 58, lot 5-B

This project proposes the repair and replacement of an existing legal boat house along with the repair and replacement of the decking on the surrounding docking structure. The boat house is in need of structural repair and the repair and reconstruction will prevent debris from ending up in the lake. The boat house is 28 feet by 13.5 feet and will be replaced in kind, with no change to foot print or existing height. Roof line will be adjusted to accommodate storage above boats. The decking surrounding the boat house has started to rot and needs to be replaced. The replacement decking will be tyvek or equal decking which will prevent rot from occurring to the decking surface in the future. The total decking area being replaced is 520 sf and is also being repaired and replaced in kind.

Signed by Gene Young on 8-15-22

Minimum Impact Expedited Applications:

Standard Wetlands Dredge and Fill Applications: Mehrnaz Aghvami-Long Trust

Reconfigure/reduce existing rock breakwater from 80' to 66', reconfigure the existing permanent docking structure consisting of rebuilding the cantilevered "L" and adding a 5' wide crib supported pier, install a 14' X 34' seasonal canopy over lakeward boatslip, and install boatlift and two seasonal PWC lists adjacent to docking structure on 125' of average frontage

The Commission has no comments on this application

Shoreland Permit by Notification (SPBN):

Shoreland Permit Applications:

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities:

Reoccurring/Unfinished Business & Projects:

- 1) Lake Lay Monitoring Program** Tom Diveny reported that the sampling was done on August 16th, with Tom Diveny, Russ Wilder, and Dana Huff participating, using the Kifer's boat. Water reported as very clear. Next testing will be the week of September 12th. Tom sees no need for the purchase of tools or supplies at this time.
- 2) Property Monitoring and Reports** The granite bench at Gilman Pond was reported as vandalized and the two supports stolen. Russ Wilder and Gene Young found the supports in the pond, retrieved them and re-set the bench.
- 3) Green Oak Realty**
- 4) Natural Resources Inventory Update**
Russ Wilder and Gene Young have read and edited the draft report. It may be worth considering the addition of current use tax data in the report. The Commission decided to invite Stony Ridge

to the September 8 meeting to discuss edits and a plan to finance and finish the report. Once a plan is agreed upon, a contract will be drawn.

5) Gilman pond Management Plan

Peter Farrell is beginning the work, has all of the background documents that he needs, has contact information for the Native Plant Trust.

6) Budget

2023 Budget discussion, no large changes expected. Agreed to raise contributions to conservation organizations to \$100

New Business:

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman Report-

Vice Chair Report-

Member Reports-

Notice of Intent to Cut Timber:

Correspondence:

- 1) ConComm budget report
- 2) Disqualified dock notice
- 3) RFI- #2022-01930 harrison
- 4) RFI-#2022-01949 Arnold-Liberti
- 5) Shoreland Permit #2022-01949 Arnold- Liberti

Date and time of next meeting:

September 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Young