

Minutes of August 27, 2009 Meeting

Members Present:

Earl Bagley (Co-Chairman), Justine Gengras (Co-Chairman), Gene Young (Vice-Chairman), Roger Burgess (Treasurer), Dave Lawrence, Peter Bolster (Selectmen's Rep.).

Members absent:

Tom Hoopes

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by G. Young to accept the Agenda as amended, seconded by D. Lawrence.
Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2009:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the August 13, 2009 minutes as printed, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. **Patricia Scribner & Hemon Roberts** – Map 63, Lot 20, 12 Peter's Path, DEPT HEAD REVIEW REQUEST to expand a non-conforming structure by raising the roofline approx. 11' to allow for a second story in a Lakeshore Residential Zone.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the Special Exception plans and finds the proposal will have no change in the footprint. The NHDES Shoreland Waiver has been granted and the septic is large enough to accommodate expansion.

The Commission has no concerns; Co-Chairman J. Gengras signed the Dept. Head Review on Aug. 27, 2009.

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. **Harley Lamper** – ~~continued~~-Map 24, Lot 15-5, Lamper Rd., "After the Fact" Culvert. **NHDES Notice of Administratively Incomplete Standard Dredge & Fill App.**
Co-Chairman E. Bagley inspected the property and reported that gravel had been taken out and a slope overlooking wetlands has been seeded and stabilized. The replaced culvert could not be found.

Discussion:

It is unclear to the Conservation Commission where the culvert was installed on the property, as the incomplete application lacks plans. The applicant needs to apply to the Regulator for an excavation permit or for an exception from a permit pursuant to RSA 155-E: 2a. The Regulator as defined by RSA 155-E is the Alton Planning Board.

The Commission finds the application lacked information to allow adequate review. The Commission is sending a letter to NHDES with the above comments.

2. **Fred Browning** – Map 36, Lot 42, 154 Mount Major Hwy, **NHDES Request for more information from Varney Engineering.**
The Commission reviewed the revised plans for the proposal, which now show "repairs only" with no change in size or configuration.

Permit By Notification:

1. **Robert Schaeberle** – Map 21A, Lot 12, 6 Pipers Point Rd. Repair and reinforce a 4'6" x 2' failed anchoring pad for a seasonal crank-up dock located entirely within the bank with a 6' x 4' concrete anchoring pad. **(F.Y.I. Commission signed on 8/20/09).**

Minimum Impact Expedited Application:

1. **Joseph & Pamela Kryskow** – Map 73, Lot 19, 34 Sleeper Island, Repair Breakwater and approx. 20' of stonewall on shore side of beach to keep from further erosion. Approx. impact breakwater 160 sq. ft., Wall on beach approx. 60 sq. ft. **(F.Y.I. Commission signed on 8/20/09).**

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. **Thomas & Carol Pickett** – Map 64, Lot 12-1, 128 Smith Point Road, Adding stairway & Deck to existing room over garage. Deck 132', Stairway 42' as most of stairway is over existing deck. 65' to water.

NHDES acknowledges receipt of application and no variance or redevelopment waiver is required.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and finds the application lacked information to allow adequate review.

2. **Joseph & Karen Bresnahan** – Map 81, Lot 20, Barndoor Island, Beckwith Builders submitting a revised plan for a slight increase to the cottage footprint of the previously approved Shoreland Plan. The slight increase to the building results in the impervious impacts increasing by 0.9% on the lot. The approval was for 9.5% and the revision totals 10.4%.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns.

3. **Carl & Donna Backman** – Map 79, Lot 37, 490 Rattlesnake Island, To demolish front half of existing cottage and rebuild it on new sonar tubes. In the same footprint, and connect it to the back half of the cottage. The roofline will be changed to meet the back half. The finished building is to be the same size (564 square feet) as the existing building. A seven-foot porch is to be added to the front and side of the cottage (197 sq. ft.) This porch existed previous to 2000, see survey map, and was removed due to not making it dangerous for people. Two sheds a deck and the fire pit are to be moved back behind the fifty foot buffer line.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and noted that this proposal was discussed at the August 13, 2009 meeting (see Minutes) and comments were sent to the Land Use Office for the ZBA Exception hearing. The primary issues were the proposed wrap-around porch not being grand-fathered, as more than 5 years have passed since its existence and whether the septic system was designed to accommodate the proposed 2nd floor expansion.

Commissioners Report:

1. **P. Bolster** – R.R. ROW Discussion. P. Bolster showed surveyed plans depicting the town-owned property, which is the old R.R. ROW extending from Old Wolfeboro Road past the Police Station to Rte 28 North (Tax Map 29, Lot 72). P. Bolster asked if the Conservation Commission would be opposed to a bike path because conversion of the ROW to a bike path would diminish the conservation values? Also would the Conservation Commission be opposed to selling this property to the abutters? The Alton Selectmen have had very preliminary discussions about use of this property at their recent meeting.
2. **J. Gengras** – Report on Paul Beckett, Map 12, Lot 17, Rte. 28N proposed Subdivision site walk with the Planning Board. A concern I had was that the soils are identified as having bedrock at or close to the surface. The proposed access road goes right through an elevated bedrock rise. An area near the existing house appears to have some hazardous waste, looks like an oil spill. One wetland shown on the plans was a very large vernal pool.

Other Business:

1. **Municipal Law Lecture Series** – No Commissioners wished to sign up for the lectures.
2. **2010 Budget Dept. Head Meetings** – The Conservation 2010 Budget Dept. Head Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. The Commission directed C. Calligandes to prepare the Justification Forms, based on last year's forms, as there will be no change in the 2010 budget.

3. **J. Gengras** – Map 54, Lot 7, Town of Alton R.R. ROW. J. Gengras noted that the property needs a written land management plan. G. Young offered to contact the Snowmobile Club to see if they had permission to use the right-of-way as a snowmobile trail. J. Gengras will check with the Town Administrator to make certain the Selectmen have not already given permission. D. Lawrence noted that the ROW RR bed surface is rutted from use by ATV's and trucks.
4. **J. Gengras** - Aquatic Plants and Algae of New Hampshire's Lakes and Ponds Booklet. The Commissioners requested 6 copies of the field guide

Correspondence:

1. **G & C Realty Trust** – Map 60, Lot 24, 132 Minge Cove Road, **NHDES Notice of Administrative Completeness, Minimum Impact Expedited Application.**
2. **Judith Hudson Revoc. Trust** – Map 61, Lot 14, 5 Lamprey Ledge Rd. **NHDES Notice of Administrative Completeness, Minimum Impact Expedited Application.**
3. **Timothy & Jill Noe** – Map 59, Lot 23, 90 Minge Cove Rd., **NHDES Notice of Admin. Completeness, Minimum Impact Expedited.**
4. **Town of Alton** – Map 33, Lot 84, Route 28A, Stoney Ridge Env. submitting to NHDES for Harmony Park an extension request.
5. **Nanci R. Long** – Map 34, Lot 33-40, **NHDES has completed its review to impact 2981 sq. ft. to raze a non-conforming 595 sq. ft. structure and construct a new 682 sq. ft. structure with foundation does not comply with the RSA 483-B and Admin. Rules Env-Wq 1400. The application has therefore been denied.**

Adjournment:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m., seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Calligandes
Secretary to the Conservation Commission