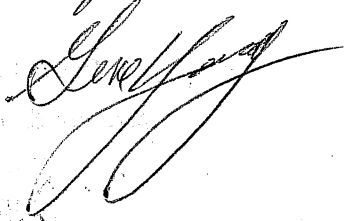


**TOWN OF ALTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 27, 2020**

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MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED
AUGUST 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
ALTON TOWN HALL**

*approved as
amended 12-10-20
See minutes of
12-10-20 meeting
for text of amendment.*


Members Present

Gene Young, Chair
Earl Bagley, Vice Chair
Russ Wilder, member
Bob Doyle, member
Quinn Golden, member
Virgil McDonald, Board of Selectman's Representative

Call to Order

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The commission reviewed the Agenda. **Q. Golden made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. B. Doyle seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Public Input:

None.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of August 3, 2020 – The minutes were reviewed. **Q. Golden made a motion to approve the minutes. B. Doyle seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Presentations/Consultations:

- Attorney Reimers: The Commission went into non-public session to consult with counsel. *See non-public session worksheet.*

B. Doyle made a motion to enter non-public session. Q. Golden seconded the motion. Roll Call: G. Young, Chair – aye; R. Wilder- aye; B. Doyle –aye; Q. Golden- aye; E. Bagley- aye. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The Commission entered non-public session at 6:15pm.

R. Wilder made a motion to reconvene in public session. Q. Golden seconded the motion. Roll Call: G. Young, Chair – aye; R. Wilder- aye; B. Doyle –aye; Q. Golden- aye; E. Bagley- aye. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The Commission reentered public session at 6:42pm.

B. Doyle made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Q. Golden seconded the motion. Roll Call: G. Young, Chair – aye; R. Wilder- aye; B. Doyle –aye; Q. Golden- aye; E. Bagley- aye. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. Arthur & Julianna Fitzmaurice, 20 Cathy Lane, Map 40, lot 32

The applicant is requesting a variance to permit a garage within 10 ft. of the property line: The Commission reviewed the application, added comments and oppose passage.

2. Karen O'Brien & Donald Lacroix, 53 Riverlake St, Map 32, lot 26

The request is to permit the addition of a deck to a non-conforming structure: The Commission reviewed the application, added comments and oppose passage.

3. Karen O'Brien & Donald Lacroix, 53 Riverlake St, Map 32, lot 26

The request is to permit the addition of a deck within the 30 ft. waterfront setback: The Commission reviewed the application, added comments and oppose passage.

4. Patricia M. Harvey R.T., 18 NH Rt. 11D, Map 50, lot 11

The plans are for expansion and replacement of non-conforming structures: The Commission reviewed the application, and added comments. It was noted the proposed plans go into the 50' setback and there are concerns the size is doubling; there will be porous pavers and ¼ of the house will be 5' from the lakeshore. The concerns of the commission are that there is more nonconforming over the 50' setback; no indication of driveway materials; question the efficiency of the pavers over a large area.

Standard Dredge and Fill Application:

Karen O'Brien, Donald Lacroix, 53 Riverlake St, Map 32, lot 26

Replace in-kind existing retaining walls. Remove patio between walls, plant native bushes. The commission objected to this application for the same reasons stated with the ZBA application. The Commission reviewed the application, added comments and oppose passage.

Permit by Notification: None

Minimum Impact Expedited: None

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. William and Amanda Laws, 80 Rattlesnake Island, Map 75, lot 44:

Rework existing rock walls, install new walls, proposed granite steps and two patios. The Commission reviewed the application and has no objections.

2. Jeffrey & Constance Walsh, 140 Smith Point Rd, Map 64, lot 16-2: Amended application – the amendments include abandoning existing upper portion of walkway to existing dock to allow reversion to native woodlands; install new 5' wide stepping stone pathway to dock off patio; total impervious surface will be decreased to 19.3 from 21.6%. The Commission reviewed the application and has no objections.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities: None

Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN): None

Other Business: None

Hiking Trail Maintenance:

Chair Young presented the idea of seeking volunteers to help maintain hiking trails on Town-owned properties, mainly the Mike Burke trails and the rails around Gilman Pond. V. McDonald suggested getting clubs or organizations such as scouts or high school club to participate. Liability concerns were mentioned. The Town has a liability waiver form that volunteers must sign. The Commission agreed to pursue organizations first and then the general public.

Old Business:

1. Timbers Trespass – R. Wilder presented the report to the commission for review. He stated they found boundary pins of the easement and found the buffer setback area. It was confirmed the driveway was built over the corner of the easement and pin had been removed. Encroachment is less than 100 square feet. It was concluded that the incursion is minor and no corrective action is needed at this time. A copy of the report will be sent to grantor Steve Borghi. (*See attached.*)
2. Monitoring list – An updated monitoring list was presented. Chair Young noted he would add location details to the list. Q. Golden asked if we have shape files for all of the properties boundaries. He and Chair Young will verify.
3. Green Oak Realty case - None.
4. Knights Pond- LRCT and property owner are pursuing interested parties to fund the project.

Commissioner Reports

Chair Young reported that David and Roberta Mank have responded to the welcome letter sent on 8/24/2020. Presented the welcome letter provided by LCIP's Steve Walker. A meeting with the Manks will be set up.

Notice of Intent to Cut

None

Correspondence: Copies of the current bank statement was distributed to the Commission for review.

Adjourn

B. Doyle made a motion to adjourn. E. Bagley seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Riel

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary