

Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 10/11/07
Minutes of September 13, 2007

Members Present: Justine Gengras, David Lawrence, Gene Young, and Earl Bagley. Tom Hoopes arrived at 7:10 pm.

Members absent: Steve McMahon as Selectman's Representative and Roger Burgess

Others Present: Brian Fortier and Gary Spaulding

Call Meeting to Order: Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by G. Young and seconded by D. Lawrence to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from August 23, 2007 meeting.

Motion made by G. Young to accept the minutes, second by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

Brian Fortier – West Alton Marina and Gary Spaulding – Designer

G. Spaulding – The application we would like to submit is similar to the 2005 application. There is reconfiguration of some boat slips, realigning the boat ramp and widening it, and dredging and filling.

J. Gengras – Was this previously a wetland?

G. Spaulding & B. Fortier – We are not sure

B. Fortier – My grandparents built the marina in 1962.

E. Bagley – How many yards to anticipate taking out?

G. Spaulding – About 12,000 sq. ft. of upland.

J. Gengras – How deep are you looking to go?

G. Spaulding – About 4 ½' to 5' and the improvement will net 5 additional slips. We would like to move back 50' from the bulk heading.

B. Fortier – We would like to move things closer to the storage sheds.

E. Bagley – Are you allowed to move that close to the storage building?

B. Fortier – The guy from the state and the Fire Chief wrote letters stating that the metal building was not in danger.

E. Bagley – How many boats are in the storage building?

B. Fortier – About 80.

E. Bagley – What are the setbacks from wetlands?

B. Fortier – Marinas are exempt from setbacks.

J. Gengras – The area that you want to dredge, is there milfoil present?

B. Fortier – Yes and it is treated through matching funds with the states DES program.

G. Spaulding – We want to do this to accommodate the users.

B. Fortier – This is the oldest section of the marina.

E. Bagley – Has the section by the old gas docks been done?

B. Fortier – It has been done a while ago and when they dredged it the wall was compromised and fixed.

E. Bagley – Has the channel been done?

B. Fortier – From the boathouse to Winnepesaukee Marine has and then the channel was done about 10-15 years ago.

J. Gengras – What are you going to do with all of the dredged material?

B. Fortier – It will be taken off site.

J. Gengras – What is the justification for this?

B. Fortier – We are not at maximum capacity.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. West Alton Marina – Map 17 Lots 9 & 29 - FYI
2. Roger Sample – Map 11 Lot 9 - FYI

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. Linda Galvin Trust Map 44 Lot 56-2 – Install (1) 3 piling ice cluster

Discussion:

Motion made by T. Hoopes to send a standard letter of no objection to NH DES, Seconded it by E. Bagley – Motion passed with all in favor.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:

None at this time

Permit By Notification:

None at this time

Minimum Impact Expedited:

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. D. Lawrence – Gilman Pond – The excavation is finished and the only thing left is to burn the sticks and branches. There were trees down along the trail by the pond that I cut up and removed.

Other Business:

1. Grants – Moose Plate and Watershed – G. Young to check on Moose Plate grant
2. Half-Moon Lake Association receipt of the Lay Lake Monitoring Report and \$100.00 donation request – **Motion made by J. Gengras to make the \$100.00 donation to Half-Moon Lake Association for Lay Lake Monitoring, seconded by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.**
3. Budgets – J. Fortin mentioned to the board the budget was increasing by \$155.00 for FY 2008. **Motion made by G. Young to submit the budget request with the increase of \$155.00 to the Town Administrator, seconded by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.**
4. Fred Gallant – Update – J. Fortin spoke with Darlene Forst at NHDES and Darlene will be coming to Alton next week to review all of the files we have pertaining to the property.
5. D. Lawrence – Invoice for \$45.50 for the use of the tractor with backhoe for the Gilman Pond area.

Correspondence:

1. University of New Hampshire letter - FYI
2. Community Environmental Outreach Program - FYI
3. Richard & Lucy Lucier Map 46 Lot 9 – FYI – Permit Approval

Adjournment:

Motion made by G. Young, second by T. Hoopes to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission