

Minutes of September 24, 2009 Meeting

Members Present:

Earl Bagley (Chairman), Gene Young (Vice-Chairman), Dave Lawrence, Peter Bolster (Selectman's Rep.), Tom Hoopes

Members absent:

Roger Burgess (Treasurer)

J. Gengras resigned on September 16, 2009 from the Conservation Commission Board.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall

Approval of Agenda:

**Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the Agenda as amended, seconded by T. Hoopes.
Motion passed with all in favor.**

Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2009:

Motion made by G. Young to approve the August 27, 2009 minutes as written, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. DEPT. HEAD REVIEW REQUEST: **James Curvey**, Map 21A, Lot 23, Special Exception. Allow the construction of a cupola to provide light and ventilation of the boathouse and is allowed by Special Exception.
(F.Y.I. Commission signed w/comment that this request is not a Conservation Commission issue).

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. **Suzanne Simmons Rev. Tr.** – Map 18, Lot 29-3, 162 DeWitt Dr. Repair and extend an existing piling support dock, install two fending pilings and a 14' x 30' seasonal canopy. **NHDES Notice of Admin. Completeness.**
Discussion:
The Commission reviewed the application and finds that the top of the proposed canopy is a maximum of 20' height which violates the Alton Zoning Regulations maximum height of 15' from High Water Mark.
Motion made by T. Hoopes to notify the Alton Town Building Inspector of the Alton Zoning Regulations violation and requests that no Building Permit be issued, seconded by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.
2. **William Mender** – Map 78, Lot 7, 780 Rattlesnake Island, Add one 6' x 30' crib supported dock with connecting 4' x 20' walkway connected to a existing 4' x 30' canter levered dock (reduced from (5'2" x 30') Repair breakwater to bring into compliance. Impact: Dock & Walkway 260 sq. ft., Breakwater approx. 150 sq. ft. **NHDES Notice of Admin. Completeness.**
Discussion:
The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns.
Motion made by T. Hoopes to send a letter of no objection to the NH Wetlands Bureau, seconded by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. **Acorn Rlty Tr., Alan M & Cheryl Marlow; Co-Trustees** – Map 65, Lot 40, 16 Acorn Dr., Reconstruct an existing boathouse, widen the slip within the boathouse, dredge material from inside slip of boathouse, relocate one rock located adjacent to the existing dockage, install a seasonal boat lift and two seasonal PWC lifts. Project size 436 sq. ft.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns.

Motion made by G. Young to send a letter of no objection to the NH Wetlands Bureau, seconded by E. Bagley. Motion passed with all in favor.

Permit By Notification:

1. **Donald & Peggy Hughes Jr.** - Map 60, Lot 33, 92 Minge Cove Rd., In-kind maintenance, repair and replacement of an existing 6' x 30' permanent piling dock. **(F.Y.I Commission signed on 9/2/09). NHDES Notice of Incomplete Permit by Notification Form**

Minimum Impact Expedited Application:

1. **Herbert Persan Rev. Liv. Trust** – Map 41, Lot 22, 108 Echo Point Ln., Remove existing cribs and replace retaining wall. Wetlands Impact approx. cribs=512 sq. ft., wall 71 linear ft. **(F.Y.I Commission signed on 9/10/09). NHDES Notice of Admin. Complete.**

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. **Robert & Sandra Morris** – Map 41, Lot 43, 6 Rocky Lane, Plan is to place a garage under existing cottage. Construct a new driveway to the garage, install a retaining wall with steps alongside the driveway, reduce the existing driveway in size, vegetate a portion of the existing driveway, re-construct a deteriorated timber retaining wall, replace two log retaining walls with stones, construct a walkway and install a drywell and two rain gutter drywells. **NHDES acknowledges receipt of your application and in accordance with RSA 483-B: 5, V (a) your application requires a variance or waiver of the minimum standards.**

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns.

2. **Mildred Johnson** – Map 63, Lot 18, 16 Railroad Ave. Plan is to upgrade the existing antiquated septic system to a state approved system. Installation of two (2) drywells to control storm water in the parking lot. **NHDES acknowledges receipt of your application.**

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns with the application.

3. **Wasserman, Trustee** – Map 63, Lot 19, 14 Peters Path, Replace existing retaining wall that has failed and replace existing septic system with state approved one. Install drywell for storm water management. **NHDES acknowledges receipt of application and no variance or redevelopment waiver is required.**

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns.

Commissioners Report:

1. **Management Plan for B&M Railroad Right-of-way, by G. Young.** G. Young drafted the Management Plan for the B&M Railroad Right-of-way. He reported that the Right-of-way is in good shape and will contact the Snowmobile Club to decide what would be best to put at the entrance of the Right-of-way.
Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the Management Plan for the B&M Railroad Right-of-way, seconded by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.
2. **Gilman Pond Monitoring, by D. Lawrence.** Reporting he started monitoring Gilmans Pond and wanted to mention that he noticed some cutting that had been done on the new 10 acre easement. The previous owner had retained the logging rights before the turnover of the land.

Also the new property, the Morse Preservative that the Forest Society took over, had an incident where a squatter was on the land and had problems getting the person off the property.

3. **Town Forest Trail, by D. Lawrence.** Belknap Range Cons. Coalition has their annual meeting coming up on Oct. 3rd @ 8:00 a.m.
Motioned made by T. Hoopes that the Commission submits application to become a member of the Belknap Range Cons. Coalition for \$40.00, seconded by E. Bagley.
Motion passed with all in favor.
4. **Parkhurst, Monitoring by G. Young.** Reporting that everything is the same, nothing has changed. The garage and storage unit has been gone for over a year. The vegetation is growing. Everything looks good.

Other Business:

1. **Asian Longhorned Beetle Info. Meeting:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009 @ Harold S. Gilman Museum, 123 Main St., Alton.
2. **Belknap Range Cons. Coalition** – Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct 3 @ 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot for Mount Major.
3. **LRPC** – Ordering two books with CD'S for the 2009-2010 Edition of the N.H. Planning and Land Use Regulation Books.
4. **Incomplete Monitoring, by G. Young**. Commission will continue monitoring. Secretary will contact Steve Walker for Monitoring Forms.
5. **Letter to J. Gengras, by E. Bagley.** T. Hoopes will work on an aerial shot in a frame of the Town of Alton.
6. **Agenda Format- G. Young.** Would like double spacing between applications for notes.

Correspondence:

1. **Carl & Donna Backman** – Map 79, Lot 37, 490 Rattlesnake Island, **NHDES acknowledges receipt of application for a Shoreland Permit, in accordance with RSA 483-B:5, V (a) your application requires a variance or waiver of the minimum standards of RSA 483-B:9,V.**
2. **Town of Alton** – Map 52, ROW, Rte II D, **NHDES Letter of Deficiency,**
3. **Judith & Robert Hudson** – Map 61, Lot 14, 5 Lamprey Ledge Road, **NH DES approval date 8/31/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
4. **Gerard & Claire McCabe** – Map 60, Lot 24, 132 Minge Cove Rd., **NH DES approval date 8/31/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
5. **Alan & Anne Posnack** – Map 64, Lot 18, 166 Smith Point Road, **NH DES approval date 8/26/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
6. **Donald Prudhomme** – Map 58, Lot 5-25, Timber Ridge, Benchmark Eng., Inc. Shoreland File #2009-01412, Would respectfully like to file a petition for an appeal from the Wetlands Council.
7. **Patricia Prudhomme** – Map 58, Lot 5-26, Timber Ridge. Benchmark Eng., Inc. Shoreland File #2009-01413. Would respectfully like to file a petition for an appeal from the Wetlands Council.
8. **Jack Szemplinski** – Map 58, Lot 5. Timber Ridge Rd. **NHDES Request for more information.**
9. **M2DK LLC** – Map 56, Lot 1, 60 Woodlands Rd. **NHDES approval date 9/8/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
10. **Fred Browning** – Map 36, Lot 42, 154 Mount Major Highway, **NHDES approval date 9/9/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
11. **Alton Bay Camp Meeting Assoc.-** Map 9, Lot 53 117 New Durham Rd., **NHDES hereby amending RSA 485-A:17 Alteration of Terrain Permit WPS 7909. The amendment consists of a 5 year time extension and a change in contact from Tim Goodwin to the Above Addressee. The new permit is subject to conditions.**
12. **James & Lorna Dunham** – Map 77, Lot 16, 298 Rattlesnake Island, **NHDES has reviewed and approved the application and interested parties may apply for reconsideration within 30 days. Then application goes to the Governor and Executive Council.**
13. **Timothy & Jill Noe** – Map 59, Lot 23, 90 Minge Cove Rd., **NHDES Approval Date 9/14/09. Approval is subject to specific conditions.**
14. **Charles Liberty** – Map 76, Lot 77, Rattlesnake Island, Folsom Design answering NHDES Request for more information.

15. **Monica Caine & Terry Graham** – Map 56, Lot 39m 192 Woodlands Rd., **NHDES Wetlands Bureau Complaint File # 2009-01879. DES has received a complaint of possible violations. Complaint alleges modifications to a boathouse without a permit or authorization from DES.**
16. **Joseph & Pamela Kryskow** – Map 73, Lot 19, 34 Sleepers Island, **NHDES Approval Date 9/17/09. Approval is subject to the specific conditions.**
17. **Zdney Woodbury Family Trust** – Map 51, Lot 29, 80 Rte 11D, **NHDES agrees to extend the timeframe established in a Request for More Info. dated 7/20/09 by 30 days.**
18. **Youngblood Realty Tr.** – Map 44, Lot 50, 142 Black Point Rd., **NHDES has reviewed your Shoreland Permit App. and has determined that additional information is needed to clarify and complete it.**
19. **Fred & Marion Slater** – Map 73, Lot 34, Sleeper Island, Wetlands Bureau Complaint #2009-02030, **NHDES has received a complaint of possible violations. The complaint alleges that you have failed to properly maintain water front buffer without a permit or proper authorization from DES.**

Adjournment:

**Motion made by T. Hoopes to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., seconded by D. Lawrence.
Motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Calligandes
Secretary to the Conservation Commission