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ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES -- NOT APPROVED

October 8, 2020

6:00 P.M.

ALTON TOWN HALL

*approved as
Drafted
10/29/20*

Call Meeting to Order: Members Present: G. Young, R. Wilder, Q. Golden, E. Bagley, B. Doyle, V. McDonald and volunteer assistant Wes Demers

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on the steps of the Town Hall. The following notice was read:

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: To keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the COVOD-19 State of Emergency, and the Governor's Orders on restrictions at public gatherings, the Town of Alton is holding "remote audio participation meetings". If you cannot attend remotely, please contact the Planning Department at 603-875-2162 or plansec@alton.nh.gov for further instructions. To remotely attend the meeting visit our website: www.Alton.nh.gov for telephone access and Zoom access instructions listed under News and Announcements on the home page the day of the meeting. If you are having difficulties accessing the remote meeting, please call 603-507-1002 and someone will assist you.

R. Wilder moved that "The Conservation Commission is temporarily suspending in-person public attendance and all verbal public input during its meetings. Instead, the public may attend remotely but will be muted. If the public has any comments, questions, requests, or other input, the comments can be emailed to the Conservation Commission at conservation@alton.nh.gov, or sent via US postal mail to Town of Alton Conservation Commission, PO Box 659, Alton NH 03809, and they will be read into the record at the next meeting. The Commission will respond to comments as is appropriate. Seconded by Q. Golden.

There being no discussion, the Chair called the question: Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

The Chair then called a five minute recess in order to enter the building and proceed to the Heidke room to continue the meeting."

Q. Golden having verified that the Zoom meeting connection was operational, the meeting was called back into session at 6:10 pm.

The Chair made the following announcement: The Commission just voted out on the front steps to temporarily suspend public input. If the public has comments, the comments can be emailed to the Conservation Commission at conservation@alton.nh.gov or sent via US postal mail to Town of Alton Conservation Commission, PO Box 659, Alton NH 03809, and the comments will be read into the record. The Commission will respond to comments as is appropriate. If you are having difficulties accessing the remote meeting, please call (603) 507-1002 for assistance.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was amended to remove item #1 from Presentations/Consultations, and to add one item to Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items, and one item to Standard Dredge and Fill. R. Wilder moved to approve the amended agenda, B. Doyle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

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Approval of Minutes:

1. August 27, 2020 Q. Golden moved to approve the draft minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting. R. Wilder seconded. The Chair called for discussion, hearing none, the Chair asked to speak to the motion. The Chair pointed out that the August 27 meeting included a non-public session that is not properly recorded in the minutes, and that the minutes should not be adopted as presented. Roll call vote: Bagley NO, Wilder NO, Golden NO, Doyle abstain, McDonald NO, Young NO. Motion failed.

Work session September 8, 2020 R. Wilder moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 work session. Roll call vote: Bagley abstain, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle abstain, McDonald abstain, Young Yes. Motion passed. (Note: motion passed by 3 yea to 2 abstentions because V. McDonald was not a member on September 8)

Presentations/Consultations

1. Jason Reimers

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items: Kevin Ashe, lot line adjustment. The commission reviewed the application, and Q. Golden moved to approve with no comments. Second by R. Wilder. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

Standard Dredge and Fill Application:

1. Albert & Carol Williams, Rattlesnake Island, Map 78, lot 2. Construct a cottage on a vacant lot. The commission reviewed the application, and Q. Golden moved to approve with no objection. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

2. Babson amendment to application The commission reviewed the amendment, and R. Wilder moved to approve with no comment. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

Permit by Notification:

Minimum Impact Expedited:

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. Albert & Carol Williams, Rattlesnake Island, Map 78, Lot 2. Construct a cottage on a vacant lot The commission reviewed the Shoreland application, and Q. Golden moved to approve it with no objection. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities:

Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN):

Old Business:

1. Green Oak Realty moved to last item before adjournment

G. Young - Meeting and site visit with Mr. Mank G. Young reported that he met with David Mank on September 8 and walked the Barbarossa boundaries between Barbarossa and Hussey, the back boundary, and most of the boundary between Barbarossa and Green Oaks, as well as a portion of the interior. Photos were taken of the Southern boundary incursion. The Manks now have first-hand knowledge of the boundary issue with the Green Oaks pit.

2. Knight's Pond No discussion

3. Monitoring

- a. Letters have gone out.

- 3.

- b. Gontarz monitoring report

- 4.

- c. Barbarossa monitoring report Items b and c were discussed together. The reports were reviewed, and R. Wilder moved to accept the Gontarz parcel monitoring report, dated September 10, 2020, and to accept the Barbarossa report dated September 18, 2020. The reports are to be appended to and made part of these minutes. Digital copies with pictures to be submitted as well. Seconded by B. Doyle. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

- d. Create digital records, structure of files, material to include no discussion

- 5.

- e. Invasives The commission recognizes that invasive plants and insects are present on some Town-owned property, and that we must begin to address the problem before they get worse. The chair encouraged the members to become familiar with the invasives we have and to make note of them on monitoring reports. V. McDonald described the Highway Department's efforts to contain Japanese Knotweed, and that the commission should inform the Department of any occurrences so that they can be included in the Department's control program. The stand of phragmites on Route 28 South in the edge of the Merrymeeting Marsh was pointed out by R. Wilder. We should contact the DES to seek control measures.

4. Gilman Pond field mowing -- Rodney Sanborn (2016), Benjamin Thompson (2018) All agreed that the field should be mown, Chair to contact Michael Nemser to work out details

Commissioner Reports:

1. Russ Wilder, Stockbridge Forest bridges by Snowmobile Club presented the Snowmobile Club's proposal to install two bridges across the Coffin Brook tributary on Stockbridge Forest lot 73. Aerial photos were reviewed. R. Wilder moved to allow the bridges with proper wetland permits. Seconded by Q. Golden. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed. R. Wilder will notify the Club of the decision by text message.

Other Business:

Notice of Intent to Cut:

Correspondence:

1. DES – Walsh Shoreland permit approved
2. DES – Wetland permits approved for Kenney, Map 56, lot 38, and Puopolo map 39, lot 25
3. Monitoring wells at traffic circle

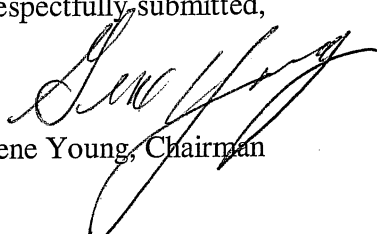
The commission took up deferred item 1 from Old Business: R. Wilder moved at 7:20 pm to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (I) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. Second by Q. Golden. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed. The commission entered non-public session at 7:20 pm.

B. Doyle moved at 7:35 pm to leave non-public session, seconded by V. McDonald. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed. The commission reconvened in public session at 7:35 pm.

It was moved by V. McDonald to seal the minutes of the non-public session because it is determined that the divulgence of this information would likely render the proposed action ineffective. Roll call vote: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed.

Adjournment: ON a motion by V. McDonald, seconded by B. Doyle, to adjourn, the commission voted: Bagley Yes, Wilder Yes, Golden Yes, Doyle Yes, McDonald Yes, Young Yes. Motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Gene Young, Chairman