

ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF MEETING

ALTON TOWN HALL
October 26th 2023 6PM

Minutes

Approved
11/8/23
Lenell King

Members:

Gene Young, Chairman
Russ Wilder
John Jonasch, Alternate

Dana Rhodes, Vice Chairman
Tom Diveny
Brock Mitchell, Selectman's Rep

Earl Bagley
David Mank

Others Present:

Katherine Bowden, Secretary
Marie Price, Volunteer
Peter Farrell, Prospect Forest Enterprises, LL(PFE)

Members Absent:

David Mank
John Jonasch, Alternate
Brock Mitchell, Selectman's Rep

Call Meeting to Order:

Called to order at 6:04pm

Public Announcements:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Approved as Printed

Presentations/Consultations:

- *The Conservation Commission presented Marie Price, a local volunteer for the Conservation Commission a \$50 gift card to thank her for her help.*
- *Peter Ferrell from Prospect Forest Enterprises, LLC (PFE), met with the Conservation Commission to inform the Commission of his intention to apply for a wetlands permit for the Town of Alton's property at map 5 lot 73 & 74 to construct an access road onto the property for the purpose of managing and harvesting timber. The Commission acknowledged PFE's right to apply for a wetlands permit for the stated purpose and agreed to provide a letter of acknowledgment to the NHDES Wetland Bureau.*

Approval of Minutes:

- 9/28/23 Meeting Minutes
 - *Approval of the minutes of 9/28/23 moved to the 11/08/23 meeting due to lack of quorum.*
- 10/12/23 Meeting Minutes
 - *On a motion by Dana Rhodes, seconded by Tom Diveny, the minutes of October 12th, 2023 were approved by voice vote of 4 yea, 0 nay. Russ Wilder abstains due to being absent for the 10/12/23 meeting.*

PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS

(Any permit or application that has been signed off by the Chair or Vice-Chair is entered here for the record, unless any Commissioner has questions or comments)

Planning Board/ZBA Department Head Review Agenda Items:

- 1) #Z23-14 – Scott & Janis Mosher – Map 34 Lot 33-66, 113 Mitchell Avenue - A Special Exception is requested from Article 300, Section 320.D. & G. to permit upgrading and expanding existing cottage.
 - *No Concerns. Signed by Gene Young 10/23/23*
- 2) Z23-26 - Jones & Beach Engineers Inc., Agent for James Donovan, Owner - Map 43 Lot 22 - 297 Trask Side Road- A Special Exception is requested from Article 300, Section 320.J. to permit the replacement of a nonconforming structure.
 - *No Concerns. Signed by Gene Young 10/23/23*
- 3) Z23-27 - Correlate Inc., Agent for David R. Hussey Revocable Trust, David Hussey, Trustee and Owner- Map 5 Lot 72-7 - 356 Suncook Valley Road – A Special Exception is requested from Article 400, Section 401.F.8 to permit a utility scale solar energy system and/or solar farm.
 - *The Conservation Commission Made the comment “As the owner of a conservation easement on Map5, lot 72-8, the Conservation Commission is a legally recognized abutter to the property. The Commission did not receive an abutter's notice of this application, and objects to being deprived of its right to comment as an abutter.” – Signed by Gene Young 10/18/23*
- 4) Z23-28 - TF Moran, Inc., Agent for Don Sorrentino, Owner - Map 4 Lot 13 - Frank C Gilman Highway - A Special Exception is requested from Article 500, Section 520.A.B. and C. to permit three (3) 5-Unit.
 - *After a brief discussion The Conservation Commission made the comment “ They are weary of the impact to wetlands on lot 4 due to limited availability for septic siting” On a motion by Gene Young, by voice vote of 5 yea, 0 nay the comment was approved.*
 - *Signed by Gene Young, 10/26/2023*

Wetland Permit by Notification (PBN):

- 1) Christopher Brown, 134 Smith Point Road, M64 L14 – Repair existing permanent docking structure (274 sq. ft.) cantilevered and wood / rock crib supported and rock breakwater (681f/861 sq. ft.) “In-kind” with no change in size, location or configuration along the shore of this Lake Winnepesaukee property.
 - *No Concerns. Signed by Dana Rhodes 10/23/23*

Minimum Impact Expedited Applications:

Standard Wetlands Dredge and Fill Applications:

- 1) Corey J. Clark, Places Mill Road, M69 L3 –Sunset Lake dam reconstruction project 2023- The Sunset Lake Dam will be re-constructed in the spring, summer and fall of 2024 with expected completion in early winter of 2024. The primary spillway which currently exists will remain. The left and right side abutments will be completely re-constructed to me current Dam safety standards. The gate house and stop-log bay will also be completely re-constructed due to deficiencies and deterioration. Regarding of slopes and embankments will be necessary in coordination with reconstruction of the left and right side portions of the dam. Rip rap and also a reconditioned sill downstream will be part of this project.
 - *The Conservation Commission does not object to the reconstruction project. However we urge the NHDE to make sure the Sunset Lake residents should be notified that the*

lake will be drawn down for all of 2024.

Shoreland Permit Applications:

- 1) **Volpe Family Rev Trust, 1 Manchester Ave, M34 L33-20** – Tear down an existing cottage and build a new house. Stormwater measures will be installed.
 - *After a brief discussion the Commission had no comments or concerns.*

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities:

Reoccurring/Unfinished Business & Projects:

1) **Lake Lay Monitoring Program**

- *Tom Diveny and Russ Wilder discussed the results of the Lay Lake monitoring and water quality over the course of summer 2023.*

2) **Property Monitoring and Reports**

3) **Green Oak Realty**

4) **Natural Resources Inventory Update**

5) **Gilman Pond Management Plan**

- *The Conservation Commission discussed putting together a public meeting to present their plan for the Gilman Pond Management. They want to manage the Gilman Pond for water quality, wild life and recreation. This plan could take place in multiple phases over the course of several years. Before posting a public meeting date the Conservation Commission discussed having a plan to present to the public.*

6) **Budget –**

7) **Conserved property signs**

8) **Future conservation opportunities**

9) **New Business:**

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman Report-

Vice Chair Report-

Member Reports-

Notice of Intent to Cut Timber:

Correspondence:

Date and time of next meeting:

- November 8th 2023 6PM (Public Hearing)

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Bowden, Secretary*

