

**Alton Conservation Commission      Approved by the Conservation Commission 12/14/06**  
**Minutes of November 9, 2006**

Members Present: Justine Gengras, Earl Bagley, David Lawrence, Gene Young, Roger Burgess, Tom Hoopes; Alan Sherwood as Selectman's Representative

Members Absent:

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by D. Lawrence amend agenda and include under Commissioner Reports – NHACC – D. Lawrence and G. Young, Gilman Pond – D. Lawrence, and OEP – T. Hoopes, to include under Other Business – Chestnut Cove Estates Pictures, and under Correspondence – Previous Department Head Reviews for Winona Houle Trust on Alton mountain Road and Prospect Mountain Builders on Old New Durham Road. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from October 26, 2006 meeting.

**Motion made by T. Hoopes to accept the minutes as amended second by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Planning board Agenda Item:**

Department Head Reviews

1. Jay Finnigan – Valley Road, J. Gengras stated that there are serious hydrology issues.
2. Prospect Mountain Builders – D. Lawrence took a copy to review for the Commission.

**Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:**

None at this time

**Permit By Notification**

1. Anthony Sciola Map 33 Lot 8 – Restore boathouse damaged by van leaving the road. The prior existing docks will remain and not be replaced. The boathouse restoration will be more than 20' from the abutting property lines.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and found it meets NH Wetlands Bureau rules.

**Motion by T. Hoopes to direct a Chair to sign the application. Second by G. Young. The motion passed with all in favor.**

2. Fred Dinkin Map 64 Lot 17 – Replace damaged by storm as noted in wetland permit 91-01687 to height of no more than 32" above full lake (copy enclosed). Repair misc. damage by storm on breakwater approximately 100 sq. ft. and approximately 20 linear ft.

**Discussion:**

The Commission reviewed the application and found it meets NH Wetlands Bureau's rules.

**Motion by R. Burgess to direct a Chair to sign the application. Second by T. Hoopes. The motion passed with all in favor.**

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Gilman Pond – D. Lawrence reported that Drew Hill Road is being widened and the trees are gone, the brush and stumps are pushed over and it is cleared from end to end. D. Lawrence reported on walking proposed trail locations with Bill Brumbeck, Director of N.E. Wildflower Society and T. Hoopes. Bill Brumbeck still has concerns with illegal ATV'S going across the property if trails are constructed.

NHACC – D. Lawrence went to the conference and reports that he went to the following workshops: Geeks & Tools for Conservationists, DES Enforcement, Mitigation Rules, and NH F&G Wildlife Action Plan. D. Lawrence also reports one session had much interesting data on buffer effectiveness as a function of slope, width, vegetation, etc.

NHACC – G. Young also went to the conference and reports that he went on a field trip for Wetlands Delineation – How to look at it and what to look for, Mitigation and what DES is looking for. Each area is different for size of buffers recommended.

OEP Conference – T. Hoopes - Clay Mitchell presented on a way to bring down taxes and cut expenses in half. Mr. Mitchell is the Town Planner in Newmarket and he is also an attorney.

LRPC – T. Hoopes – Bob Snelling would like to bring back legislation on Shore land Protection. Having a 50' setback was discussed and if the town has a lesser setback the state regulation will override it. The proposed legislation would require 50% of the property being left in its natural state and 20% of the property to build on. An 8 person state staff is being proposed.

### **Gilman Pond Conservation Area Management Plan – J. Gengras**

J. Gengras had mentioned that under certain circumstances that UNH students could do free assessments on wildlife as part of their course work. J. Gengras offered to check with UNH for details.

Gontarz Property – G. Young reported that he walked the property and that on the eastside of the property the neighbors are cutting trees on town owned property. There are also two boundary markers missing. Two years ago the beaver dam on the property was breached. In one area the boundary is 10'-15' above the rock wall and an abutter has cleared up to the wall. T. Hoopes – On the west side of the property there is a series of dams.

J. Gengras – On the west side of the property there are gullies and dips and beavers flooded the abutting property.

G. Young – The property boundaries need to be blazed and painted.

D. Lawrence – The GPS unit would work to find the pins or close to where the pins should be. Signs should also be put on the property.

D. Lawrence and G. Young offered to walk the property with GPS unit and flag as they go with a consistent color.

Belknap Mountain Range – A. Sherwood – See attached agenda and minutes.

Landfill Sign – T. Hoopes mentioned that Scott Simonds would like a new sign for Household Hazardous Waste for the landfill. A. Sherwood reported he spoke with Russ about the sign, and

Russ is to speak with Scott Simonds.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

T&D Realty Trust – Map 58 Lot 5-26 – Permit Approval – FYI

Burnham Baker Map 44 Lot 5 – Permit Approval – FYI

Letter from Fred Eley – FYI

Arbitration Order on the Parkhurst Easement – FYI

BCCD – A donation is being requested. **Motion made by T. Hoopes to donate \$100.00 if if the Commission has the funds available after the camera and the culvert are purchased, seconded by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Previous Department Head Review – Winona Houle Trust Map 10 Lot 26

Previous Department Head Reviews – Prospect Mountain Builders Map 9 Lot 53

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by T. Hoopes, second by G. Young to adjourn at 9:07 pm. The motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin  
Secretary to the Conservation Commission