

Minutes of November 12, 2009 Meeting

Members Present:

Earl Bagley (Chairman), Gene Young (Vice-Chairman), Dave Lawrence, Tom Hoopes,

Members absent:

Roger Burgess (Treasurer), Peter Bolster (Selectmen's Rep.).

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2009:

**Motion made by G. Young to accept the Minutes of October 22, 2009 as amended, seconded
by D. Lawrence. Motion passed with all in favor.**

Presentations/Consultations:

1. **Cris Blackstone** – Letter of interest in the vacancy on Con Com. Completed the UMASS "Green School" certification course also certified from PLANET, this covers issues with ecology. Chris is also a certified Land Steward.
Motion made by T. Hoopes to have the Conservation Commission support Cris Blackstone and to send a letter of recommendation to the Alton Board of Selectmen requesting her appointment to the Conservation Commission, seconded by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. **Charles & Catherine McCauley** – Map 52, Lots 1 & 2, 167 Route 11D. Area Variance. Allow a boundary line adjustment that will render a non-conforming, un-buildable lot conforming in area but will not meet minimum frontage requirements. This parcel is located in the Lakeshore Residential zone.
Discussion:
The Commission reviewed the Dept. Head Review Request and questions whether the apparent wetland on the front of lot #1 will limit the access to the property.
Motion made by T. Hoopes to send comment to Planning Dept. questioning whether the apparent wetland on the front of Lot #1 will limit the access to the property, seconded by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.

Permit By Notification:

1. **Bank Boston of America**- Map 41, Lot 24, Echo Point Rd., Replace existing concrete deck, dock tops, reface existing walls and re-build breakwater area. **(F.Y.I. Commission signed on 11/3/09.)**

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. **Ruth Larson** – NHDES File #2009-01523, Map10, Lot 32-5. A revised site plan. Varney Eng. is submitting info to amend approval #2009-01523. A garage has been added to the plan. Small changes to the driveway and the unaltered areas are shown.
Discussion:
The Commission reviewed the Shoreland Permit Application and has no concerns.

2. **Bruce Gurall** – Map 21A, Lot 28. 24 Point Beach Lane. Construct a 2569 SF Footprint Building & Paved Driveway. Also construct a small patio area with landscape walls. Total impervious surfaces within the 250' protected Shoreland area will be 19.9%. **NHDES Approval Date 11/9/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**

Discussion

The Commission reviewed the Shoreland Permit Application and has no concerns.

Commissioners Report:

1. **Trail Marker Price Quotes** – G. Young, Gene received four different quotes from four different company's and found that round markers were more expensive than the square markers. The round markers were also plastic and the square markers were aluminum. Gene recommends ordering the square aluminum blue background markers from Metalphoto of Cincinnati. **Motion made by D. Lawrence to place an order with Metalphoto of Cincinnati for a lot of 200, seconded by T. Hoopes. Motion passed with all in favor.**
2. **Forest Fund & Mike Burke Memorial Fund** – by D. Lawrence. At the October 22, 2009 meeting there was discussion of using the Forest Fund to do maintenance on trails. D. Lawrence researched the fund by digging back into old minutes and town reports. A copy of Feb. 7, 1996 Conservation minutes was found (see copy attached). The minutes discussed implementing a policy of fund expenditures and it was suggested two signatures, either the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the other being the Treasurer. The Alton Town Administrator and D. Lawrence agree that this document is definitive.
3. **Town Forest Trail** – P. Bolster phoned D. Lawrence and he is not sure if P. Bolster finished the trimming of the new trail. He was hoping P. Bolster was at the meeting to report.
4. **Conservation Land - Bear Pond** – D. Lawrence in his research also found a MEMO dated April 2, 1997 from Scott Dunn (see copy attached). Town Administrator to Lisa Erikson-Harris Conservation Chairman. A motion to approve the request of the Conservation Commission that the care, custody and management of the Bear Pond Waterfront parcel more particularly described as Tax Map 12, Lot 81, be transferred to the Alton Conservation Commission for Conservation purposes. Motion passed with all in favor. A Town access to Bear Pond.

Other Business:

1. **Cutting of Small Whorled Pegonias** –N.E. Wild Flower Society by T. Hoopes. Bill Brumback, the Conservation Director of The NE Wild Flower Society came Nov 5th in the a.m. and was there until 2:00 in the afternoon with two other people and they cleaned the section out, cleaned the brush out of an area about 50' x 200'. Bill felt that in two years we will see a substantial change in the plants.
1. **Budget** – October 2009 Expenses Report

Correspondence:

1. **Jack Szemplinski** – Map 58, Lot 5, NHDES File #2009-01301, Timber Ridge Road. Per NH Wetlands Bureau letter dated Sept. 03, 2009 we offer the following.
2. **Charles & Cheryl Chiarello** – Map 76, Lot 80, NHDES File #2009-02241, 832 Rattlesnake Island. **NHDES Request for more Information on the Min. Impact Exp.**
3. **Kenneth Barney** – Map 75, Lot 43, Rattlesnake Island, **NHDES Approval Date 10/20/2009. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
4. **Mario & Caroly Ranieri** – Map 36, Lot 42, NHDES File #2009-01124, 154 Mount Major Hwy. **NHDES Decision on Reconsideration.**
5. **Zdney Woodbury Family Tr.** – Map 51, Lot 29, 80 Rte 11D, **NHDES approval date 10/26/2009. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
6. **Gary Wasserman** – Map 63, Lot 19, 14 Peters Path, **NHDES Approval date 10/26/2009. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**

7. **Robert & Claudia Aiken** – Map 21, Lot 6-1, Brickyard Cove Rd., **NHDES Approval date 10/28/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
8. **William Watson** – Map 33, Lot 15, **NDES Notice of Incomplete PBN Form.**
9. **Roberts Cove Inc.**, Map 19, Lot 8-1, 112 Drew Hill Rd., Wetlands File #2009-01816, **NHDES inspected the property. DES has determined that all jurisdictional impacts have occurred as a result of a natural event and a violation of RSA 482-A has not occurred.**
10. **Karn Hassler** – Map 54, Lot 25, **NHDES Notice of Incomplete PBN Form.**
11. **W & W Ralph Tr.** – Map 8, Lot 3, Rte 140, **NHDES Approval Date 10/27/09. Time Extension. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
12. **Robert & Sandra Morris** – Map 41, Lot 43, 6 Rocky Lane, **NHDES Approval Date 10/26/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
13. **Windy Meadow Farms** – Map 3, Lot 4, 229 Prospect Mtn Rd., **NHDES Complete Forestry Notification.**
14. **Robert Haverty** – Map 57, Lot 4, 274 Woodlands Rd., **NHDES Approval Date 10/30/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
15. **D & S Custom Builders** – Map 58, Lot 5-16, Timber Ridge Rd., **NHDES Approval Date 10/28/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
16. **Charles Liberty** – Map 76, Lot 77, Rattlesnake Island, **NHDES Approval Date 10/29/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
17. **James C Rust** – Map 79, Lot 26, Rattlesnake Island. **NHDES File # 2009-00430. To date NHDES has not received the requested information. When additional information is requested by NHDES and the information is not received within 60 days of the request. DES has denied the project.**
18. **Blaislake LLC** – Map 21A, Lot 28, Point Beach Lane, **NHDES File #2004-02528 & #2004-02529. Beckwith Builders Amendment to Approval Request. To eliminate the approved docking along lot 25 and relocate the proposed docking to lot 24, thereby consolidating and reducing/minimizing impacts along the combined frontages.**
19. **Town of Alton** – Map 1, Lot R.O.W., Cooke Rd. **Culvert Replacement Project.**
20. **Sally Castleman** – Map 9, Lot 16, **Complete Forestry Notification.**
21. **William & Gale Mender** – Map 78, Lot 7, 780 Rattlesnake Island, **NHDES Request for More Information.**
22. **Benjamin Finnegan** – Valley Road, **NHDES Permit #2007-892 NHDES Wetland Mitigation Monitoring. Failure to comply with permit condition is a violation of RSA 482-A and is subject to enforcement.**

Adjournment:

**Motion made by D. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. , seconded by T. Hoopes.
Motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Calligandes
Secretary to the Conservation Commission