

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras, Co- Chair, Earl Bagley, and David Lawrence.

Others Present:

Members Absent: Tom Hoopes, Roger Burgess, and Stephan McMahon – Selectmen's Representative

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the agenda as amended to include under Planning Board Agenda Item – Sedlari Construction Map 10 Lot 16 and under Other Business – J. Gengras with Conservation Land Evaluation Form, digital camera, and E. Bagley with Drew Farm Map 4 Lot 7, seconded by J. Gengras. The motion carried with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from January 26, 2006 meeting.

J. Gengras moved to accept the minutes for January 12, 2006 with changes seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Planning Board Agenda Items:

Sedlari Construction Map 10 Lot 16 Department Head Review

Discussion:

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Department Head review from the Planning Department. The Commissioners provided the following comments:

1. The three road culverts on the west side of the access road are crossing a stream channel on a diagonal, which maximizes the wetlands impact.
2. NHDES recommends stream crossings perpendicular to the channel.
3. The Town Road Agent informed the Commission Chair that the Town of Alton is not equipped to deal with 60'+ long culverts, and in particular a 95 ft. culvert
4. On proposed lots 16-8 & 16-9, the driveways should have one impact for a stream crossing. The proposed project is impacting the same stream three times in close proximity.
5. The buffers are not noted on the wetlands. The threads of the stream channels flowing through jurisdictional wetlands are not shown on the plan. In other words, the plan does not distinguish between wetlands and stream channels

Presentations:

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Mark Fecteau Map 59 Lot 1-1 - A restoration plan for letter of deficiency, File #2005-01999. Culvert #1 is for access to a parking lot and Culvert #2 is for access to a house, also a Restoration Plan of Land.

Discussion:

The Commissioner discussed and reviewed the application and restoration plan. The commission feels that the photos do not illuminate the proposed project. The existing paved parking lot was wetlands and was filled without a permit and not addressed in the wetlands application. The parking lot was filled, paved, and a culvert was put in without a permit. Also, the plantings are not native and the landscaping plants are woefully inadequate.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by E. Bagley to send comment letter and include items mentioned in the discussion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Town of Alton Map 5 Lots R.O.W. 72-6 & 39-1 – After-the-Fact follow-up from an Emergency Authorization to install a 24” overflow culvert on Coffin Brook Road and restore 100 square feet of wetland.

Discussion:

The Commissioner discussed the application and agreed to send Standard Letter of No Objection.

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by D. Lawrence to send standard letter of no objection. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Permit by Notification:

None at this time

Minimum Impact Expedited

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. J. Gengras – Conservation Land Evaluation Form

J. Gengras brought in an evaluation form for the Commissioners to look over and decide whether or not this is something they would like to implement into the acceptance of conservation easement land. The secretary will revamp the evaluation form with changes made by the Commissioner to meet the criteria for the Town of Alton. Also, J. Gengras handed out a paper on land qualifying for easements described in RSA 79-C3 for review and informational material.

2. J. Gengras reviewed the proposed subdivision plan of Carl Norby and discovered that there are a lot of wetlands. There are 9 lots bordering the proposed easement. Where are the Commissioners going to access the easement area? There is also a 25’ vegetative buffer being

proposed. There is no required mitigation because there won't be more than 10,000 square feet of wetlands.

No action was taken by the Commissioners

Other Business:

1. James Mooney Map 79 Lot 9 – Application Approval
No action was taken by the Commissioners
2. Dennis Kivley Map 76 Lot 64 – Application Approval
No action was taken by the Commissioners
3. Alan & Christine Soucy Map 62 Lot 3 – Amended Application Approval
No action was taken by the Commissioners
4. Richard Wozmak Map 73 Lot 39 – Application Approval
No action was taken by the Commissioners
5. Brian Fortier – Map 17 Lot 29 – Application Approval
No action was taken by the Commissioners
6. Matthew & Melissa George – Map 11 Lot 12-14 – Permit Approval
No action was taken by the Commissioners
7. Joe Houle – letter of request to keep Clough-Morrill land in Conservation
Joe Houle would like a letter from the Conservation Commission requesting that the land in the Clough-Morrill Trust not be sold. J. Gengras volunteered to write the letter to the Trustees of Trust Funds
Motion made by E. Bagley and seconded by D. Lawrence for J. Gengras to write a letter to Joe Houle and the Trustees of Trust Funds regarding the land in the Clough-Morrill Trust.
8. Liberatore & Emily Scoppettuolo (Beatrice Ciampoli) – Map 5 Lot 48 Letter from NHDES requesting that they bring their Restoration Plan into compliance so that they can close the file.
No action was taken by the Commissioners
9. Digital Camera – The Secretary will check prices for a digital camera and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.
No action was taken by the Commissioners
10. Drew Farm Map 4 Lot 7 – The parcel is on Halls Hill Road and the owners would like to come in front of the Conservation Commission to discuss preserving their land. The owners will contact the conservation Secretary to be put on the agenda.
No action was taken by the Commissioners

Correspondence:

1. Peter Farrell – Regarding Map 14 Lot 22-4 complaint
No action was taken by the Commissioners

2. Planning & Zoning Conference
No action was taken by the Commissioners

Adjournment:

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at 9:16pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Alton Conservation Commission