

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras; Co- Chair, Earl Bagley; Roger Burgess; David Lawrence

Members Absent: Thomas Hoopes and Selectman's representative

Others present: Stephanie N. Verdile, Secretary. Also present were; Cynthia Balcius and Jessie Bailey from NH Soils Consultants representing the Permit by Notification application submitted on behalf of Gary Bahre.

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman J. Gengras called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to move the Bahre Permit By Notification application before the approval of the minutes, motion carried with all in favor.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried with all in favor.

Presentation of the Permit by Notification application submitted by NH Soils Consultant, Inc on behalf of the property owner Gary Bahre- Map 21, Lot 5-3, 142, 900SF of beach replenishment.

C. Balcius and J. Bailey representing the application explained the proposal is to replenish sand on an existing beach and that it would be about 900SF of shoreline impact. E. Bagley asked if they were creating more beach area and C. Balcius said no they are replenishing an existing beach area. J. Gengras asked about the rocks being removed along the shoreline and C. Balcius said no. C. Balcius finished her presentation to the Commissioners.

Motion made by E. Bagley to sign the applications and forward them to the Town Clerk for processing, seconded by R. Burgess, motion carried with all in favor.

C. Balcius also updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Prospect Mountain High School Conservation Easement. She said the plans and deed are in the finalization process and they anticipate getting them done soon and submit final plans and draft easement for the Commissioners and the Town Attorney to review. They would like to have the deed signed and plans recorded soon.

She also updated the Commissioners on the Hannaford's easement property. She said they are finishing work on the surveying and speaking with the property owner on final details. She told the Commissioners that they hope to begin construction on June 1, 2005.

J. Gengras has serious concerns about the easement being finalized before construction begins. She does not want the final deed presented to them in a way that there would be limited time to review the language. She commented on how much time has gone by since the approval of the project and the selection of the easement property and does not want the Commissioners to be put under the gun at the last minute.

C. Balcius agreed with J. Gengras' concerns and told the Commissioners that they would have enough time to review the deed but reminded the Commissioners that construction can begin prior to the execution of the deed, especially since the construction work will not negatively impact the easement property.

J. Gengras has concerns about the snowmobile trail that runs through the easement property and she knows it runs parallel to the Barbarossa property but wants to know where the trail is located. She also has concerns about the use of the snowmobile trail and the impact to the wetlands as well as, what other types of uses will be allowed on the property.

C. Balcius said that she would research the property to find out the extent of the trail and what other uses are currently allowed on the trail.

E. Bagley asked about the status of the NHDOT permit and C. Balcius did not know.

There was brief discussion about the application for the Bergeron Dam and the request the Town of Alton had put in for extra time to comment.

C. Balcius also spoke about the Master Plan and the need for Commissioners to be involved in that process and the Planning Board's Public Community Forums and work sessions to help with the re-write the regulations and the Master Plan.

There was brief discussion about the in Lieu of Fees legislation. The Commissioners spoke about the downfalls of the proposed bill, one of them being that the money would go into the General Fund and not for environmental land purchases and preservation. They believe the Town's should be able to have the money to help preserve the sensitive areas and the State of NH does not agree.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from January 27, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by E. Bagley to approve the minutes from January 27, 2005 as presented, motion carried with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. Revised information submitted for review for Epsom Rolling Hills, LLC- Map 15, Lot 4- Provide access to an existing lot for residential development, impacting 4,365 SF of wetlands for driveway access.

Commissioners discussed the revised plans submitted and noted that some of their previous concerns had not been addressed. Commissioners discussed J. Gengras writing comments to send to NHDES.

Motion made by E. Bagley, seconded by R. Burgess to have J. Gengras send a comment letter to the NHDES. Included in the revised comments should be issues from the previous comment letter have not been addressed, motion carried with all in favor.

2. Revised information for Blaislake LLC, Map 21A, Lot 29

Commissioners discussed that the revised plans submitted were only for Lot 29 but nothing was submitted for Lot 28 and they discussed the fact that their original comments on the application were not addressed.

Motion made by E. Bagley, seconded by R. Burgess to take no further action and let their previous comments stand, motion carried with all in favor.

3. CAM Reality Trust, c/o Alan Marlow, Map 66, Lot 33- Install 4 pilings adjacent to existing dock, Dredge 6ft gap between breakwater and shore and reset rocks along bank. Request an After The Fact approval for a seasonal PWC lift.

Commissioners discussed the following concerns:

1. The plan does not show the location of proposed 4 pilings
2. The plan does not mention the seasonal boatlift in application as shown on the plan.
3. There were great concerns about the re-setting of rocks along the shoreline and the applicant should consult with NHDES to utilize vegetation for stabilization.

Motion made by E. Bagley and seconded by D. Lawrence to have J. Gengras send a comment letter to the NHDES, motion carried with all in favor.

4. ABSM Reality Trust c/o Alan Marlow, Map 66, Lot 34-Remove and reset rocks from existing crib dock, repair existing dock in kind, install seasonal boat lift and reset rocks along bank.

Commissioners noted deck extending over the water as shown in the application photographs and questioned the legality of the deck.

Motion made by E. Bagley, seconded by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection, motion carried with all in favor.

5. Dargie-Map 56. Lot 16- Construct a dock with 2 6'x30' piers with a 12'x4' connecting walkway in a "U" shape and install a 14'x30 seasonal canopy

Commissioners discussed the number of boat slips existing and the potential for another to be added and if the application is required to go to the Governor's council due to the fact it may be considered a commercial site with more than 3 boat slips. They also discussed the height of the proposed canopy and that Alton Zoning regulations have height restrictions on boathouses and the Commissioners would like to recommend the canopies be treated the same.

Motion made by E. Bagley, seconded by D. Lawrence to send a comment letter to the NHDES listing their concerns, motion carried with all in favor.

Permit by Notification

1. Schaeberle- Map 21A, Lot 12-Install a seasonal 10' x 14' Boatlift

Commissioners discussed the application and noted no concerns.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by R. Burgess to direct E. Bagley to sign the applications, motion carried with all in favor.

Minimum Impact Expedited

1. Alton Bay Campmeeting Association- Map 34, Lot 33- Replace rotting wood retaining wall with stone block.

The Commissioners discussed the project and found no issues of concern and agreed the replacement would be more beneficial for the environment.

Motion made by R. Burgess, seconded by J. Gengras to sign the application and send to the Town Clerk for processing, motion carried with all in favor.

Commissioner Reports:

Receipt of Appointment of new Conservation Commissioner, Mr. David Lawrence.

The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Lawrence to the Commission.

Other Business:

1. LCHIP Potential Project Inventory Grant Request- FEBRUARY 14, 2005 Deadline- The Commissioners noted the deadline has passed.

2. Wetland Restoration Monitoring Project of 2004 Growing Season for Map 18, Lot 29-39

Dewitt Dr. The Commissioners noted the receipt of the report.

Correspondence:

1. Request for more information letter for Vito- Map 47 Lot 2M and 2N- Commissioners noted receipt of letter from the NHDES.
2. OEP Spring Conference April 9 2005- Commissioners noted receipt of workshop information.
3. NHDES Watershed Grants for 2005- Commissioners noted receipt of information.
4. NHDES response to Town of Alton's letter Regarding Bergeron Dam- Commissioners noted the receipt of the NHDES response to the Town's request to comment.
5. Chamberlain Springs update from applicant to NHDES- Commissioners noted that the time could have expired on the Chamberlain Springs application for revised information for the application to be reviewed and the applicant may have to start over.
6. Young/Rollins Appraisal for Conservation Easement Property at 100 Meaderboro Rd. The Commissioners noted receipt of the land appraisal for the property.
7. Forestry Notification Map 6, Lot 32-Staff took care of the question for the Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Motion made by T. Hoopes, seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at 10:05 pm, motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie N. Verdile
Secretary for the Alton Conservation Commission