

Minutes of July 23, 2009 Meeting

Members Present:

Earl Bagley (Co-Chairman), Gene Young (Vice-Chairman), Roger Burgess (Treasurer),
D. Lawrence, Peter Bolster (Selectmen's Rep.)

Members absent:

Justine Gengras (Co-Chairman), Tom Hoopes

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Alton Town Hall.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the Agenda as amended, seconded by R. Burgess.
Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes of July 09, 2009:

Motion made by D. Lawrence to accept the Minutes as amended, seconded by R. Burgess.
Motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

1. Jack Szemplinski – Map 58, Lot 5, Timber Ridge Rd.
NHDES acknowledges receipt of report from the Alton Conservation Commission and will be included in the file.

Mr. Szemplinski attended the Conservation meeting to answer any questions regarding the clear cutting on Timber Ridge and to display to the Commission the proposed restoration plans that have been submitted to NHDES. He is waiting to here from NHDES regarding conditions.

Discussion:

The Commission stated that if there are any pending violations on any property the Conservation Commission does not make any recommendations until the violations are resolved with NHDES. The Conservation Commission appreciates Mr. Szemplinski for coming in but the Commission stands by their original recommendation that no consideration of the application be given until appropriate restoration is completed and any penalties paid for the violation documented on this property. Also the proposed boat house is not the least environmentally impaction option and a seasonal dock is not permitted to have permanent pilings.

Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:

1. Jason Drouin – DEPT. HEAD REVIEW REQUEST, Map 55, Lot 9A, 52 Woodlands Road, Request for a Special Exception to allow the expansion of an existing non-conforming structure. **(F.Y.I. Commission signed on 7/10/09).**
2. Robert Levaasseur – DEPT. HEAD REVIEW REQUEST, MAP 2, Lot 5, Dudley Road, Proctor Rd., ad Rte 28. Application submitted by Jack Szemplinski of Benchmark Engineering Inc. on behalf of applicant to propose a 5 lot subdivision with frontage on Dudley Road, Proctor Road and Rte 28.

Permit By Notification:

1. Jean, Roger – Map 21A, Lot 13, 80 Pipers Point Lane, Replace 3 tie-off pilings previously permitted by NHDES. **(F.Y.I. Commission signed on July 21, 2009.)**

Shoreland Permit Application:

1. Karen R. Larson – Map 10, Lot 32-5, Beaver Dam Road, Proposed 1,400 sq ft foot print house, 1,140 sq. ft. driveway, 70 sq. ft. walk and 200 sq. ft. patio on a vacant wooded lot. This is all new

construction and will include a well and septic system. **NHDES acknowledges receipt of the application and no variance or redevelopment waiver is required.**

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and has no concerns.

2. **Youngblood Realty Trust II** – Map 44, Lot 50, 142 Black Point Road, Proposes razing the existing home, attached garage and shed. (See Application.)

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and no action was taken.

Commissioners Report:

1. **Rail Road Right of Way** – G. Young has been putting together some information. Trying to find out how wide the conservation land is. Trying to find out what is Conservation land and what is not. G. Young will continue the research and keep the Conservation Commission updated. E. Bagley stated that there is an 85' Standard Rail Road Right of Way.

Other Business:

1. **Alton Downtown Revitalization Committee** – Re: Letter dated July 10, 2009. The acquisition of the remainder of the wetlands an upland area that adjoins the wetlands in the Alton B&M Railroad Park. Any assistance that the Conservation Commission can give the Alton Downtown Revitalization in acquiring this wetlands and upland area would be very gratefully appreciated.

Discussion:

G. Young suggested contacting C. Balcius since she is working on the Bayre project and politely suggest that we would like them to help us acquire the wetlands as their mitigation instead of paying money to the state. G. Young nominated E. Bagley to talk with C. Balcius.

2. **N.E. Wild Flower Society** - Re: Letter dated June 22, 2009, Experimental Management of *Isotria medeoloides* habitat. Continued from July 9, meeting. Gilman Pond.

Discussion:

The Conservation Commission investigated the area and has no objection to what the NE Wild Flower Society is proposing to do. D. Lawrence suggested sending a letter to the NE Wild Flower Society and let them know that the Conservation Commission has no objection.

3. **Local Government Center** – Free Lecture hosted by the Milton Land Use Boards.
4. **Peter Bolster** – Discuss trails on Conservation land.

Discussion:

P. Bolster would like to see the Conservation Commission make as many conservation lands that have the deeds indicating that they can be used by the general public, somewhat accessible to the general public in an appropriate way. The more the public participates with conservation and sees the woods, the younger people will continue thinking that Conservation is an important thing to continue to do. The conservation will have to look back at the Warrant Article to see how it was presented at the town meeting and to see what they actually voted for, in respect to allowing conservation to use current use money.

Correspondence:

The Conservation Commission reviewed the following Correspondence and no action was taken.

1. **E. Eugene Young & Carolyn Rollins** – Map 1, Lot 29, 100 Meaderboro Rd. **NHDES Complete Forestry Notification.**
2. **William K. Ashford** – Map 63, Lot 38, 16 Interlaken Rd., **NHDES Approval date 7/8/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
3. **Donald Prudhomme** – Map 58, Lot 5-25, Timber Ridge Rd., **NHDES acknowledge receipt of application and no variance or redevelopment waiver is required.**
4. **Patricia Prudhomme** - Map 58, Lot 5-26 Timber Ridge Rd., **NHDES acknowledge receipt of application and no variance or redevelopment waiver is required.**
5. **Fred Browning** – Map 36, Lot 42, 154 Mount Major Highway, Normandin, Cheney & O'Neil, PLLC, This firm represents Mario Ranieri who owns property adjacent to the Browning property.
6. **Beckwith Builders, Inc.** – **NHDOT Driveway appeal of Beckwith Builders, Inc. DOT Case # 2009-02, Order on request to withdraw driveway appeal.**

7. **Donald Prudhomme** – Map 58, Lot 5-25, Timber Ridge Rd., **NHDES acknowledges receipt of the Conservation Commissions report. NHDES Notice of Administrative Completeness Standard Dredge and Fill Application.**
8. **Town of Alton** – Map 71, Lot 31, Alton Shores Rd., **NHDES approval date 7/15/09. The approval is subject to the Project specific conditions. NHDES notice to recipients of minor impact NH Wetlands Permit. Your project will be reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for possible approval.**
9. **Douglas Lamson Revoc. Tr.** – Map 73, Lot 11, 70 Sleepers Island, **NHDES approval date 7/14/09. The approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
10. **Arthur Slotnick** – Map 80, Lot 30, 120 Barndoor Island, **NHDES Shoreland Impact Permit Approval date 7/17/09. Approval is subject to the project specific conditions.**
11. **Town of Alton** – Map 33, Lot 84, Rte 28A, **NHDES has received your letter dtd 6/22/09 requesting a 60 day extension to submit information to the file.**

Adjournment:

**Motion made by R. Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m., seconded by G. Young.
Motion passed with all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Calligandes
Secretary to the Conservation Commission