

**Alton Conservation Commission Approved by the Conservation Commission 8-24-06
Minutes of August 10, 2006**

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras; Co-Chair, Earl Bagley, Roger Burgess, Gene Young, David Lawrence, and Alan Sherwood as Selectmen's Representative

Members Absent: Tom Hoopes

Others Present:

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by D. Lawrence to include under Commissioner Reports – D. Lawrence – NSTS Review and Eley complaint, A. Sherwood – BMR, E. Bagley – Chestnut Cove Road, and to include under Correspondence – PMHS letter from the engineer, Half Moon Lake Association, Oleson letter, letter from New Hampshire Arborists Association. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

None at this time

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from July 27, 2006 meeting.

R. Burgess moved to accept the minutes as amended by to include under the motion for standard dredge and fill sending to DES, second by J. Gengras. The motion passed with all in favor.

Presentations/Consultations:

None at this time

Planning board Agenda Item:

J. Gengras – Department Head Review for the Gray Subdivision on Route 140. After reviewing the plans I noticed that they now acknowledge the seasonal stream but they marked it as the run-off. There is no map showing the existing conditions, and she feels that the buffer tags are hung less than 25' from the wetlands.

J. Gengras – Department Head Review for the RACO Subdivision on Prospect Mountain Road. After reviewing the plans under the wetlands stamp on the plans, a hand-written note says that "only the brook was mapped." The parcel has wetlands abutting a stream channel. The slope on two of the lots is greater than 25% and is not acknowledged on the plans.

J. Gengras – Department Head Review on Landry Subdivision on Coffin Brook Road. More wetlands are now shown on the plan, and they do show the buffers.

J. Gengras – The Norby subdivision is on the agenda for a conceptual consultation.

J. Gengras – Department Head Review for Welch Subdivision on Prospect Mountain Road. There is steep slope and wetlands on the property.

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications:

1. T & D Realty Trust Map 58 Lot 5-6 – Remove an existing dock and provide a “U” shape dock on pilings along an ~154’ average shoreline frontage.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and feels that it meets NHDES rules.

Motion by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to send standard letter of no objection to NH Wetlands Bureau. Motion passed with all in favor.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Permit By Notification

1. Brian Hupper Map 76 Lot 68 – Repair breakwater and pilings, 6’x30’

Discussion:

The Commission discussed the project and found that it appeared to meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules.

Motion made by R. Burgess and seconded by D. Lawrence to direct chair to sign application. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Rene Tessier Map 50 Lot 17 – Repair 45’ linear ft of rock wall on shoreline. Impact ~180 sq. ft.

Discussion:

The Commission discussed the project and found that it appeared to meet NH Wetlands Bureau rules.

Motion made by G. Young and seconded by R. Burgess to direct chair to sign application. Motion passed with all in favor.

Minimum Impact Expedited

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

1. David Lawrence – NSTS Conservation Easement on Timber Ridge Road – Attorney Sessler is reviewing the easement deed language and it will be a few weeks before he gets back to the commission. The deed language is identical to the previous deed.

2. D. Lawrence - Gilman Pond Mowing & Trails – the property has not been mowed and David spoke with the Seavey's and they are in agreement with having it mowed every other year. The commission needs to get back to Mr. Tuttle and have him submit an estimate for next year. The letter needs to document what the town is going to do on the town part only.

Motion made by J. Gengras to send letter of understanding to Robert & Dorothy Seavey and the other owner and contact Mr. Tuttle to get an estimate for mowing the town property next year.

Motion Withdrawn.

Motion made by D. Lawrence to send a letter to the Seavey's that the town agrees to mow the town owned property every other year and keep open with the agreement of the town owned part of the property. Mr. Tuttle needs to be contacted and needs to know that the property will not be mowed this year and an estimate is needed for the mowing next year, seconded by J. Gengras. Motion passed with all in favor.

3. D. Lawrence – Beaver Dam near the Eley property. Fred Eley complained about the dam on the pond access road near Drew Hill Road the water is ~3' above the old woods road. The dam is altered to force water into the field and there are dead trees in the pond. There are also mosquitoes and algae in the pond. The pond is higher than it was 10years ago. There is always water crossing the road and the dam is on town property. The commission needs to find out if the flooding has affected the small whorled pogonia. The water is backed up on the property for ~3-4-acres. We do have money to manage the easements and must see what options we have.
4. D. Lawrence – Gilman Pond Trails – We want to maintain a good relationship with the Seavey's and they have donated a lot of land to the town. The issues are that there are trails across the Seavey private land and the Seavey quarry is in the easement area. The suggestion is to run a trail along the shore of the pond and away from the quarry on to the town road. The easement guarantees public access. We can put the trail around the pond and keep most of the existing trail but we need to get it off the private property. D. Lawrence agreed to talk to Carol Fyle to assure acceptable trail relocation and to relocate the trails
5. A. Sherwood – Belknap Mountain Range – The next meeting is August 15th. Each town is going to report on the efforts of the Conservation Commission with in the town. It would be nice if someone from the commission would go and report for the town. There is a lot of undeveloped land. The most of the undeveloped and unprotected land is in Alton. The consensus opinion from the BOS is that they are interested in preserving the land. The Planning board is doing a survey on preserving the range. A. Sherwood is going to go to the next meeting and if anyone is interested in going to give a few words on behalf of the Alton Conservation Commission that would be great. D. Lawrence is planning

on going.

6. E. Bagley – Chestnut Cove Road – The soil is sandy and difficult to stabilize. There is processed gravel that is piled and it went into the brook. During the heavy rains the dirt went through two silt curtains. The secretary is to check with the Planning Department on a site-specific permit. Who is the engineer and how many inspections have been done?

Other Business:

None at this time

Correspondence:

1. Wetlands complaint filed by J. Gengras and response form the DES
No action taken by the Commission
2. Garry Robertson Map 51 Lot 25 – Permit Approval
No action taken by the Commission
3. ABSM Realty Trust Map 66 Lot 34 – Permit Approval
No action taken by the Commission
4. 2006 Watershed Conference, Saturday, November 11, 2006 and Watershed Newsletter
No action taken by the Commission
5. Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests – Easement Monitoring Report 2006
No action taken by the Commission
6. Hannaford's ROW Report
No action taken by the Commission
7. Wetlands Mitigation and Restoration Monitoring Report 2005
No action taken by the Commission
8. Prospect Mountain High School Letter from engineer to the Building Inspector
No action taken by the Commission
9. Half-Moon Lake – Lay Lake monitoring report and donation request for \$100.
Motion made by J. Gengras to send \$100.00 to Half Moon Lake Association for the Lay Lake Monitoring, seconded by R. Burgess. Motion passed with all in favor.
10. Oleson Letter
No action taken by the Commission

11. New Hampshire Arborist Association
No action taken by the Commission

Adjournment:

Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by R. Burgess to adjourn at 8:54pm. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission