

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

Others Present: Gloria Andrews & Jim Bolduc – Granite State Engineering and Vance Sedlar

Members Absent: Thomas Hoopes, Stephan McMahon as Selectman’s representative.

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by, J. Gengras, seconded by R. Burgess to include under Other Business – Easement Monitoring. The amended agenda was approved with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from August 11, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by D. Lawrence to approve the minutes from August 11, 2005 motion carried with all in favor.

Presentations:

None at this time

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Peggy’s Cove Association Map 40 Lot 9 – Propose to remove sand, soil, and small stones that have washed into our boat slips and create a retaining wall to prohibit future land erosion. (Continued from August 11, 2005).

Discussion:

The Expedited Application was not signed by the Commission for the following reason:

- 1) The application does not appear to meet the rules for an Expedited Application. It appears the proposed construction of an 80ft. retaining wall along the shoreline of Lake Winnepesaukee falls under Rule Wt 303.03 Minor Projects, section (k) “Projects that disturb between 50 and 200 linear feet, measured along the shoreline, of the lake and do not meet the criteria of Wt 302.02.”
- 2) The application is incomplete as it proposes to construct a retaining wall along the shoreline but does not include the information required by Wt 404.

The Commission recommends denial of the dredging for the boat slips because the area proposed for maintenance dredging is part of the natural shoreline and has not been dredged since prior to 1994 [see file #1994-01590]. It is unclear how many seasonal docks on this property with 168 ft. of frontage have “grandfathered” status. Our files have a 1989 application for a cluster piling with a sketch showing 6 seasonal fingers docks attached to a permanent main dock without an extension. The seasonal dock shown on the current application with slips 9-10 was non-existing in sketches for 1996 [Permit #1996-01922] and 2000 [Permit #2000-01303] applications and therefore is “abandoned” per Wt 101.01. The Town of Alton has no permits of record to support the total of 8 seasonal docks shown on the current application pr for the 20 ft. permanent dock extension.

The Commission does not believe the proposed construction of the retaining wall is the least environmentally impacting alternative to stabilize and prevent erosion along 80 ft of shoreline. We feel that an 80 ft. retaining wall on 168 ft. of frontage is excessive. The applicant has not provided the required data to support this proposal. The Commission, therefore, recommends denial of the retaining wall.

**Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by D. Lawrence to send comments letter to NHDES.
Motion carried all in favor.**

2. Mark Fecteau Map 59 Lot 1-B – Construct (3) 6’X30’ piling on 18 piling with (2) 4’X12’ connecting walkways with a 6’X6’ platform and a 4’ wide stairs to dock. (Continued from August 11, 2005 meeting).

Discussion:

The Commissioners have no objection to the dockage but request that no permit shall be issued until an inspector has reviewed the lot and the possible Shoreland Protection Act complaint is addressed and remedied.

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

3. Robert & Lyn Paris Map 77 Lot 24 – Construct a 32’’X52’ dock on 6 piling on Association property between Maps 76 & 77 between lots 97 & 27.

Discussion:

Commissioner reviewed application and decided to send standard letter of no objection.

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

4. Sedlari Construction Map 10 Lots 16 & 16-2 – Sedlari Construction is planning to develop a 50-acre tract into a 15 single-family subdivision. The tract is located off Alton Mountain Road near Avery Hill Road in Alton, NH. Three of the lots will front onto Alton Mountain Road. The remaining twelve lots will front onto a new proposed street. All lots will be served with water wells and septic systems.

Discussion:

Sedlari Construction was presented by G. Andrews, J. Bolduc, and V. Sedlar. Sedlari Construction realizes that the ordinances may change and they are willing to take the risk. Sedlari Construction will not be submitting an application to the Alton Planning Board until after January 1, 2005. J. Bolduc has submitted a conceptual to the Planning Board. E. Bagley asked what they would do if the Town of Alton was to do away with the 10% grade for the roads. J. Bolduc responded in saying that they would ask for a waiver or variance. J. Gengras mention what about having a horseshoe street without following the stream. G. Andrews responded saying that culverts would be put in to keep the natural flow of the stream the same not to divert the stream and that they would leave as many trees as possible to keep the rural look. J. Gengras asked if the parcel had been checked for endangered vegetation and G. Andrews responded saying that they are waiting for the letter. A site walk is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2005 at 9:00am and the Commissioners will meet at Shibley’s parking lot to all ride together.

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by E. Bagley, to do a site inspection on Friday, September 9, 2005 at 9:00am.

Permit by Notification:

1. Mills Cove Realty Map 62 Lot 1-8 – Install 3’X7’ concrete pad and install 6’X40’ seasonal dock.

Discussion:

Commissioners did not sign notification reason being that the dock does not meet the required 20’ setback from the abutting property line.

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by E. Bagley not to sign permit and to send comment letter to NHDES.

2. Mills Cove Realty Map 62 Lot 1-8 – Install 3’X7’ concrete pad and install 6’X40’ seasonal dock.

Discussion:

Motion made by J. Gengras seconded by D. Lawrence for Commission to sign permit by notification.

3. John Sturm Map 34 Lot 30 – Repair/replace all deteriorated parts of existing boathouse. 1) Stabilize the upper structure by replacing rotted upper and lower sills, increasing number of vertical 2’X4’ supporting walls and roof and replace roof boards with plywood. 2) Once stabilized enough to jack up, rebuild existing cribs. 3) Replace any rotted boards. 4) Replace outside dock boards with plasticized wood.

Discussion:

Motion made by R. Burgess seconded by E. Bagley for Commission to sign permit by notification.

Notification of Routine Roadway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Commissioner Reports:

None at this time

Other Business:

1. 2006 Budget Worksheet from Finance Department

Discussion:

Commissioners decided to postpone until the next meeting on September 8, 2005.

2. Conservation Law Foundation - FYI

Discussion:

No action taken by the Commissioners

3. Clough-Morrill draft letter from T. Hoopes sent to J. Gengras and E. Bagley

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed the draft letter and decided to talk with T. Hoopes about adding an offer of Mr. Houle sitting down with them and getting it in writing about not selling the conservation land and also continuing it until the next meeting on September 8, 2005

4. Capitol Improvements Program 2006-2011 from the Planning Department.

Discussion:

Commissioners stated that they didn’t have any and that they were not planning any projects for

5. New 2006 Pre-proposals for Watershed Assistance and Restoration Grants

Discussion:

Commissioners decided to postpone until the next meeting on September 9, 2005

6. Gayner – Update response from NHDES

Discussion:

The Town is handling the issue and once the ZBA has completed its notice to NHDES than NHDES will send a response to the Commissioners.

7. Alton Bay Christian Conference Center

Discussion:

MaryAnn Tilton is the contact and ABCCC is working with NHDES and they will temporarily stabilize the silt fence.

8. Easement Monitoring

Discussion:

Commissioners to set up dates for monitoring easements. J. Gengras mentioned that Parkhurst is a priority and a letter to the current owner needs to be sent and the same for the Barbarosa and Seavy properties as well.

Adjournment:

Motion made by J. Gengras, seconded by R. Burgess to adjourn at 9:54pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Fortin
Secretary to the Conservation Commission