

Approved Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Chairman Earl Bagley at 7:02 pm

**Members Present:** Earl Bagley (Chairman), Gene Young (Vice-Chairman). Members; Lou LaCourse, Quinn Golden.

**Members Absent:** Members: David Hersey, and Russ Wilder, (Selectman's Rep. Virgil MacDonald).

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Q. Golden to approve the Agenda as presented, Second by L. LaCourse. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Public Input:**

**Approval of Sept. 14, 2017 Minutes:**

Motion made by L. LaCourse to approve the Minutes as presented, Second by G. Young. Motion passes with all in favor.

**Presentations/Consultations:**

1. **Jamie Tuttle (Scout Master) & Troy Meyer - Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 53** in Alton, and will be discussing the next phase of the trail project at Gilman Pond. Preliminary introduction based on the Gilman Pond area. 3 - Main things to focus on. 1- Restore the parking lot itself to the rock wall on right hand side involve clearing brush and removal of brush. 2- Level out the access road leading to where the trail first begins, leveling it out. Potentially putting a crown on it for proper drainage. 3- Build a Kiosk and ask if there any suggestions where to place it. In addition, what the Commission would want to put on the kiosk. After approval from the Eagle Board, the work will begin in the beginning of November.

**Motion made by E. Bagley to accept this proposal, Second by L. LaCourse. Motion passed with all in favor.**

2. **Andy Fast** – Forester with UNH Co-operative extension. Presentation on Gilman Pond I am an impartial resource to provide information about Forestry. Forest Management, I don't have a formal presentation, I am hoping to talk conversationally about the walk we had with Lou and Russ and Matt Tarr who is their Wildlife Specialist and Haley Adriozi who works with our wildlife extension. We talked about Wildlife Management, which relates to Forest Management which relates to Recreation and there might be unique features on the land

scape. We went out to the Seavey parcel and walked on the Eley Conservation Easement; we walked a trail thru there and felt it was significant incorporating into the discussion as it is an abutting land and a significant chunk of land. To see how familiar you are about Wildlife Management but typically nature does a good job at sorting itself out on its own. Most conservative thing to do when anyone owns land to leave it alone, however landowners have specific goals and that may be related to recreation, having a safe trail. Folks may have financial goals, thru timber harvesting. You weed out the smaller weeds to help the trees to get bigger and stronger. Therefore, a lot of times Forest Management when it is done well can enhance the health and bigger trees and a lot of goals align until that point when you decide to cut the big tree. When you go in to promote forest health you are, promoting straight trees that tend to have a single stem and a big crown when they allocate that energy there is a lot of things they do, they reproduce, put out more leaves, put on height growth and diameter growth, protecting their immune system with their extra energy.

#### **Planning Board/ZBA Agenda Items:**

1. **Tracy True** – Map 26, Lot 8, 6 Suncook Valley Road. (ZBA Variance) – To permit a sign 29 sq. ft. in size, where 24 sq. ft. is the maximum allowed. **(Commission signed 9/27/2017).**

#### **Standard Dredge and Fill Application:**

1. **Albert & Carol Williams** – Map 78, Lot 2. Rattlesnake Island. Install a 25' breakwater with an area of 688 ft. (100 yds.) and a "U" Shaped Dock consisting of a 4' X 30' Cantilevered Dock finger and a 6' x 30' piling dock joined by a 6' x 12' connecting walkway. Additionally, install one seasonal boatlift and two seasonal PWC Lifts. This Property qualifies for a breakwater und Env-Wt 402.07. Breakwater to shall be constructed per rules outlined under Env-Wt 402.07. Turbidity controls shall be installed and maintained for the duration of the project. **(40-day hold 10/4/2017). The Commission reviewed and had no concerns.**

#### **Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities**

##### **Permit by Notification:**

1. **Bertha McLoon** – Map 44, Lot 22, 7 Potvin Place, Repair existing breakwater and dockage in-kind, with no change in location, configuration or dimensions. Breakwater = 1,623 ft., Dockage = 99 ft., Total = 2,615 ft. Reference; File #2010-00162. **(Commission signed on 10/5/2017). The Commission reviewed and had no concerns.**
2. **Raquel Rogers** – Map 51, Lot 28. 86 Route 11D. Repair approx. 22 lin. ft. of rock and mortar retaining wall "in-kind" in-the-dry during drawdown and repair existing "W" permanent dockage "in-kind"...while there is approx. 44 sq. ft. temp. Impact to repair the wall, there is no net impact) all work "in-kind)... of course, the project will be surrounded with a turbidity curtain during work and until stabilization... no work is proposed to the southerly dockage. **(Commission signed on 10/10/2017). The Commission reviewed and had no concerns.**

##### **Minimum Impact Expedited:**

1. **Roberts Cove Inc.** – Map 18, Lot 27, 24 Basin Road. Repair/rebuild existing marina dockage system "in-kind" (no net impact) and re-construct existing concrete launch ramp with new concrete launch ramp plans (temp. impact 880 sq. ft. +/- w/no net perm. Impact)... of course, the project areas will be surrounded with turbidity curtain... during work and until stabilization... all work shall maintain existing size, location and configuration (in-kind). **(Commission signed and commented 9/27/2017).**

The Commission reviewed and had no concerns.

**Shoreland Permit Application:**

1. **Richard & Janice Hawes** – Map 75, Lot 68. 984 Rattlesnake Island. Install a new septic tank, remove the existing septic system and install a state approved septic system.

The Commission reviewed and had no concerns.

**Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN)**

**Commissioner Reports:**

**Other Business:**

1. **The Mount Major Snowmobile Club** has been working on the Conservation Commission's Lakeshore Rail Trail in preparation for the winter season. The club has inquired of the Conservation Commission as to whether the Commission would be willing to contribute to the cost of installing a 15"x 20' culvert under the rail trail. The requested contribution of \$217 would be the cost of the purchase of the culvert."  
**Motion made by G. Young to reimburse the Mount Major Snowmobile Club the cost of the culvert under the Rail Trail of \$217.00. Second by L. LaCourse. Motion passed with all in favor.**
2. **Forest Fund** – **Vote** to move out of the Pool of Fund Fee Accounts and into a Savings account and renaming it the Conservation Forest Fund.  
**Motion made by L. LaCourse to set up a Conservation Forest Fund Savings Account and a Michael Burke Memorial Fund Savings Account. Second by G. Young. Motion passed with all in favor.**
3. **Removal of Motion**; Gene would like to put a motion on the floor that we add 20,000.00 to our budget request this year so we can contribute up to \$20,000.00, seconded by Lou LaCourse.  
**Motion made by G. Young to remove the motion made to add \$20,000.00 to the Commissioners budget on Sept. 14, 2017. Second by L. LaCourse. Motion passed with all in favor.**
4. **NH Assoc. of Natural Resource Scientists** - Good Forestry in NH. Friday, October 27, 2017, Bartlett Experimental Forest, Route 302, Bartlett, NH 8:45 am to 3:30 pm.
5. **Prospect Mt. High School Environmental Club** are interested in maintaining the Mike Burke Forest Loop, See e-mail;  
**The Commission reviewed the e-mail and approved the Environment Club helping maintain the Mike Burke Forest Loop Trail. G. Young (Vice-Chairman) volunteered to meet with the club with his chainsaw on Oct. 21, 2017 and help with the downed trees and will be bringing the trail markers as was asked.**
6. **Wetlands Permits Time Line w/NHDES.** Commission reviewed.
7. **Creating a Municipal Trail from a Class VI Road** – Proposed Recreational Parking at the end of Alton Mountain Road. **Need Vote to approve this Proposal.**  
**Motion made by L. LaCourse to approve the Proposed Recreation Parking at the end of Alton Mountain Road, Second by Q. Golden. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Notice of Intent to Cut:**

**Correspondence:**

1. **William O'Brien** – Map 36, Lot 10, 117 Mount Major Highway. **NHDES Returned Application Due to Missing Information.**
2. **Thomas Pickett** – Map 64, Lot 12-1. 128 Smith Point Road. **NHDES Approval Date 9/14/2017. Approval is Subject to the Following Project Specific Conditions.**
3. **Michelle/Phillip Cioffi** – Map 21A, Lot 5, 36 Pipers Point Lane. **NHDES Approval Date 9/19/2017. Approval is Subject to the Following Project Specific Conditions.**
4. **Barry Williams** – Map 58, Lot 7, 54 Timber Ridge Road. **NHDES Request for More Information.**
5. **Deborah Liebel** – Map 44, Lot 36. 174 Black Point Road. **NHDES Notice of Incomplete PBN.**
6. **JOBEAN LLC** – Map 26, Lot 10. 19 Homestead Place. **NHDES Approval Date 10/02/2017. Approval is Subject to the Following Project Specific Conditions.**
7. **Michael Audesse** – Map 65, Lot 40. 16 Acorn Drive. **NHDES Approval Date 08/08/2017. Approval is Subject to the Following Project Specific Conditions.**
8. **Michael LaCasse** – Map 38, Lot 14, 243 Mount Major Highway. **NHDES Notice of Invalid Permit by Notification.**
9. **Town of Alton** – Map 33, Lot 84, Harmony Park Beach. **NHDES Approval Date 10/07/2017. Approval is Subject to the Following Project Specific Conditions.**
10. **Anthony Avola** – Map 33, Lot 28A, East Side Drive. **Varney Eng. Revised plans per NHDES Request for More Information.**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by G. Young to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm, Second by E. Bagley.  
Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cindy Calligandes, Secretary**