

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

Others Present: David Cummings, Karen Beane – Designer, and Stephan Nicks - Cummings Attorney

Members Absent: Stephan McMahon – Selectmen’s Representative

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made by J. Gengras to amend the agenda to include under Commissioner Reports: Mr. & Mrs. Domina on Smith Point Road regarding putting property in Conservation Easement seconded by E. Bagley. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Public Input:**

None at this time

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from October 27, 2005 meeting.

**J. Gengras moved to accept the minutes as written with minor changes to make seconded by R. Burgess. The motion passed with all in favor.**

**Planning Board Agenda Items:**

None at this time

**Presentations:**

None at this time

**Standard Dredge and Fill:**

1. Wentworth Cove Realty Map 12 Lot 2 – Construction of ~ 2700 sq. ft. of new roadway.

**Discussion:**

J. Gengras mentioned that the project’s actual name is Baywinds and that the applicant is Wentworth Cove Realty. J. Gengras and D. Lawrence inspected the property. The Commission feels that the application submitted for the proposed project is not least environmentally impacting alternative. The Commission doesn’t feel that there needs to be two accesses to the property and that the Route 28 should be eliminated.

**Motion made by J. Gengras and seconded by D. Lawrence to send comment letter regarding the access roads and the Commission feels that the proposal is not the least impacting alternative. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

2. David Davenport Map 71 Lot 33 – Replace existing 12” culvert with a 15” culvert and proposed 12’ bottomless arch culvert over 8’ wide brook.

**Discussion:**

The Commission does not object to the project if the stream culvert is installed in the least environmentally impacting manner and measures are implemented to prevent sediment from being transported to the lake.

**Motion made by J. Gengras to send standard letter of no objection with stipulations to NHDES, seconded by E. Bagley. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

3. Ed & Judy Morin Map 54 Lot 35 – Build a small perched beach per Wt. 304.08. Propose a 15’ wide X 9’ deep on 111.5’ ave. shoreline. 135 sq. ft. within the bank.

**Discussion:**

**Motion made by J. Gengras to continue until next meeting until a site inspection can be done, seconded by R. Burgess. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

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

None at this time

**Permit by Notification:**

None at this time

**Minimum Impact Expedited**

None at this time

**Commissioner Reports:**

1. J. Gengras mentioned that she had received a phone call from Mr. & Mrs. Domina regarding putting ~3 acres of land into Conservation Easement to reduce their taxes.

**Other Business:**

1. David Cummings – Parkhurst Building Application (Continued from 10-27-05 meeting). J. Gengras stated after meeting with Attorney Sessler, the Commissioners need to write a letter of comment to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Conservation Easement. All new plans need to go to the Selectmen.

S. Nicks – Attorney for D. Cummings would like to present the information to the questions the Conservation Commission had at the last meeting. There are no changes to the building and better clarification and answers to the questions.

The Commission accepted a colored plan of the project parcel showing proposed building footprint, the proposed new driveway and the trees proposed for removal.

S. Nicks asked “How binding are the comments to the Board of Selectmen from the Conservation Commission?”

J. Gengras said any Commission comments are recommendations.

E. Bagley wanted to know how many trees were going to be cut. S. Nicks mentioned that there are 40 trees proposed for removal and they would be replaced with 16+ trees and shrubs.

J. Gengras mentioned that 50% of the trees were 12" or greater and that the trees are not the only concern. The changing character of the lot is also a concern.

S. Nicks – the blasting will be kept to a minimum.

E. Bagley mentioned that Attorney Sessler said to keep the comments to the deed language and interpretation of the deed.

J. Gengras stated that the Easement is driven by the purpose of the Easement.

D. Lawrence wants to discuss, vote, and generate a comment letter for Attorney Sessler to review.

T. Hoopes joins the meeting.

Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by J. Gengras to continue the discussion of the action until after the Commissioners meet with Attorney Sessler again.

T. Hoopes made a motion to set up the first available meeting with Attorney Sessler, seconded by J. Gengras. The motion passed with all in favor.

As S. Nicks was leaving he was carrying out a video camera on a tripod and the Commissioners did not know that they were being video taped.

S. Nicks was asked if he video taped the meeting and he said yes because it was a public meeting. When asked why he didn't notify the Commission that he was video taping his reply was that he didn't know he had to because it was a public meeting. S. Nicks also stated to talk to your attorney.

2. Van Hertel Properties:

Van Hertel does have a driveway permit for Map 15 Lot 66 on Powder Mill Road. A neighbor has complained of noise and also stated that there is a lot of wetlands on the back of the parcel. Van Hertel has also clear-cut Map 16 Lots 1, 4, 5. He was sent a Notification of Forest Management or Timber Harvest Activities Having Minimum Wetlands Impact and has failed to return it to the Town of Alton.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion made by R. Burgess seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at 9:42pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Alton Conservation Commission  
Minutes of November 10, 2005**

**Approved by the Conservation Commission 1/12/06**

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Secretary to the Alton Conservation Commission