

ALTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
ALTON TOWN HALL  
May 23rd 2024 6 PM  
MINUTES

*Approved*  
*6/13/24*  
*Earl Bagley*

**Members:**

Gene Young, Chairman  
Russ Wilder  
Tara Lamper, Alternate

Dana Rhodes, Vice Chairman  
Tom Diveny  
Andrew Morse, Selectman's Rep

Earl Bagley  
David Mank

**Others Present:**

**Members Absent:** *Andrew Morse*

**Call Meeting to Order:** *Meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm. Tara Lamper was appointed to fill to vacant seat.*

**Approval of Agenda:** *The agenda was approved as printed*

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **05/09/2023 meeting minutes** *Russ Wilder moved and Dana Rhodes seconded a motion to approve the minutes of may 9, 2024. Motion passed with 7 yea, 0 nay*

**PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS**

*(Any permit or application that has been signed off by the Chair or Vice-Chair is entered here for the record, unless any Commissioner has questions or comments)*

**Planning Board/ZBA Department Head Review Agenda Items:**

**Wetland Permit by Notification (PBN):**

- 1) **Wetlands PBN – Hopewell Trust, 96 Hopewell Road, M21 L5** – Install 2 personal watercraft lifts onto an existing legal dock. The PWC's are constructed of galvanized steel and are mounted to the deck of the dock and the dock piling. No part of the lift rests on the lakebed. No temporary or permanent impact to the lake or lakebed is anticipated from the installation or use of these lifts. These lifts are electronically controlled to remove PWC from the water. The PWC lifts are seasonal and are removed prior to ice-in in the fall and reinstalled in spring after ice-out.

*- No signature needed, reviewed, no comments*

**Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Application:**

- 1) **Exp. Min Impact Wetlands – Jeanne D Lewis Trust, 13 Red Sands Lane, M45 L2-1** – Repair existing breakwater, piling supported dockage and accessory pilings. Modest temporary impact within the "U" are anticipated for stockpiling of existing rock fill in

conjunction with repair of the breakwater. No change in size, location of configuration is proposed.

- *Signed by Gene Young 5/14/24*

- 2) **Exp. Min Impact Wetlands –Joanne Doyle Revocable Trust – NH DOT station #3360, attached to 141 Mount Major Highway – Repair an existing piling supported dockage with no change in size location or configuration.**

- *Signed by Dana Rhodes 5/16/2024*

### Standard Wetlands Dredge and Fill Applications:

#### Shoreland Permit Applications:

- 1) **Shoreland Permit App. – Kristen Morin, 10 Barndoor Island, M81 L23 – Install a new effluent disposal system, access, work area and erosion control. Total temporary impact equals 3,930 sq. ft. No increase in impervious area proposed.**

*Reviewed, no objection or comments*

- 2) **Shoreland Permit App. – The John & Janice Lashnits Family Trust of 2015, 22 Route 11D, M52 L26A – Replace wood steps and extend a deck to the steps.**

*Reviewed, no objection or comments*

#### Reoccurring/Unfinished Business & Projects:

- 1) **Lake Lay Monitoring Program**

- 2) **Property Monitoring and Reports**

- 3) **Green Oak Realty**

*The application by Green Oaks to operate construction yard was approved by the Planning Board*

- 4) **Gilman pond Management Plan**

- 5) **Budget**

- 6) **Future conservation opportunities**

- 7) **C.C Master Plan Action Items**

- **Row 7 – Conduct a voluntary septic survey -- discussion, action to take now.**

*Reviewed data collected for the Merrymeeting Watershed Plan, agreed on a start time of late 2024 or 2025. G. Young will serve as lead for the CC. The only budget that might be needed would be for postage if it is decided to send letters to certain landowners.*

- **Row 8 -- Continue to participate in Lakes lay Monitoring -- discussion, action to take now.**

*CC currently budgets \$1500 for water testing expenses, which is an ongoing budget item. Tom Diveny will continue to lead the sampling work. This is expected to be an ongoing effort*

- **Row 9 -- Participate in NH Lakes' Lake Host Program -- discussion, action to take now.**

*Parks & Rec is the lead for this. Question arose as to whether P&R had taken action after the warrant article that was passed in 2021*

## 8) Meinelt 375- acre parcel purchase

### New Business:

### Commissioner Reports:

#### Chairman Report

*Tom Foster, speaking for the Tree Tribe, has offered to go ahead with the labeling of trees and shrubs along the Gilman Pond trails, financing the purchase of labels himself, with the expectation of being reimbursed this year or next. The Commissioners agreed to allow him to do so and to budget the reimbursement in 2025 if we cannot reimburse him out of this year's budget*

#### Vice Chair Report-

#### Member Reports-

*Russ Wilder reported on the progress SPNHF is making on the Meinelt purchase, and on a hike taken on the property by him and G. Young*

### Notice of Intent to Cut Timber:

### Correspondence:

### Date and time of next meeting:

- June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6PM

### Adjournment:

*The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Young  
Chairman

