



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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January 22, 2004

Bruce Anderson – Chairman
Lisa Linowes – Vice-Chairman
Rick Adams – Secretary (Absent)
Dennis Senibaldi – Member
Pamela Skinner – Member
Tom Seniow – Member
Bernie Rouillard – Alternate
Terri Lucas – Alternate (Excused)

Alternate Appointment

The Chairman appointed Mr. Rouillard to replace Mr. Adams for this meeting.

Windham Meadows Phase II – Wes Aspinwall

Mr. Aspinwall discussed with the Commission minor changes made to the drainage design. An application has been submitted to the Planning Board for a Special Permit. There will be a 5,385 square foot impact to the WWPD. Mr. Aspinwall proposed a detention pond in the already disturbed area. Most drainage will be directed to the front of the property (Mammoth Road). Mr. Rouillard said that the soil in this area is porous and ground water could percolate through quickly. The speed that the water moves will depend on surfaces and slopes. Mr. Aspinwall explained that this plan was designed for a 50-year storm and for the maximum distance from Beaver Brook. Mr. Rouillard said that there are options that can be considered; cut into tree line to move away from the WWPD or move north toward the existing construction area. Mrs. Linowes pointed out the value of the soils and asked to what extent they will be retained. Mr. Seniow motioned that the Conservation Commission objects to the detention pond impact to the WWPD. Request the Engineer explore the alternatives and present soils mapping and to what extent they will be excavated. Mr. Rouillard seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The Chairman granted a five-minute recess.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order

Pine Hill Road Upgrade

The Members discussed with Mr. Aspinwall the upgrade of Pine Hill Road. At the request of the Conservation Commission, West Environmental performed a preliminary evaluation of the environmental impact of extending Pine Hill Road. The evaluation was

based on a site walk performed on December 2, 2003 and a meeting with Mr. Zhodi, Mr. Nickerson, Mrs. Linowes and Mr. Anderson.

- The potential roadway would traverse an environmentally sensitive area that contains a wildlife corridor, high value wetlands and moderate to steep slopes.
- The potential roadway would impact wetlands in four locations and would cross a diverse wetland complex with an associated stream.
- The old Class V road is more like a trail in its existing condition and is flooded in several locations.
- Permitting this potential roadway would require an evaluation of need and an alternatives analysis.
- During the meeting with the Developer a loop road off of Sheffield Street was discussed as an option for the Butterfield Subdivision. This alternative would eliminate any wetland impacts and preserve the wildlife corridor, resulting in far less environmental impact.

West Environmental has a photo log of the wetland and the wildlife habitat at Pine Hill Road. The Chairman asked that a Sub-Committee be formed to put together a presentation with photographs regarding Pine Hill Road to be presented at the February 9, 2004 Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Aspinwall said that he would provide the square footage of the impacts. The Sub-Committee will consist of Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Linowes and Mr. Rouillard. Mrs. Linowes motioned that the Sub-Committee would pursue the strategy and argument to be presented to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Seniow seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Senibaldi motioned and Mr. Rouillard seconded the motion to accept the January 8, 2004 minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

The Chairman asked Mr. Seniow for the November 13, 2003 minutes. Mr. Seniow replied that he couldn't locate the November 13, 2003 minutes but he would continue to look for them.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Linowes for the August 28, 2003 minutes. Mrs. Linowes did not have the minutes ready to submit to the Commission.

Other Business

Mr. Seniow motioned and Mr. Senibaldi seconded the motion to reimburse Mr. McLeod \$10.75 for report covers used for the Landry Easement monitoring report. Motion passed 4-1. Mrs. Linowes opposed.

Mrs. Linowes suggested that a cap be put on expenditures prior to making purchases for a project. The Commission has less money to work with this year.

Mrs. Linowes requested a letter be put in the *Windham Independent* regarding use of the Current Use Fund. Mr. Rouillard motioned that a draft of the letter be reviewed over E-mail and comments brought to the next Conservation meeting. Mr. Seniow seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Mrs. Linowes opposed.

Mail

- Letter dated January 6, 2004 from NH DES to Galen Stearns regarding notice of dam construction applications.
- Letter dated January 7, 2004 from Mr. Zohdi of Herbert Associates regarding Pine Hill Road.
- Letter dated January 14, 2004 from NH DES to Mr. Alosky regarding Lot #16-Q-208. Application does not meet the rules for a 30-day expedited application.
- Letter dated January 16, 2004 from Attorney Campbell regarding land acquisition.
- Letter dated January 21, 2004 from Mr. Zohdi of Herbert Associates regarding Windham Meadows Phase II.
- Letter dated January 22, 2004 from West Environmental regarding environmental impacts associated with Pine Hill Road.
- Winter 2004 Issue of *The Source*.

At 9:38 PM Mr. Seniow motioned and Mr. Senibaldi seconded the motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 to discuss land acquisition. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 12, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Planning & Development Office.

These minutes are in draft form and are respectfully submitted for approval.