



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission

Minutes

April 26, 2007

Dr. James Finn – Chairman
Mr. Bruce Breton – Vice-Chairman
Mr. Bernie Rouillard – Secretary
Dr. Bruce Anderson – Member (Excused)
Miss Pamela Skinner – Member
Mr. Wayne Morris – Alternate
Mr. Dennis Senibaldi – Alternate

Seat Alternates

The Chairman appointed Mr. Morris to replace Dr. Anderson, Mr. Rouillard and Mr. Senibaldi to fill vacant seats for this meeting.

Public Hearing - Purchase of Lot #8-B-5716

53.4 acre parcel to be added to Lot 8-B-3001

Access off of Longmeadow Road

The addition of this parcel will total 600 contiguous acres

The Chairman explained that this property abuts the Derry and Salem town lines. Mr. Morris commented on the ease of connectivity to the trail network with the purchase of Lot 8-B-5716.. The number of homes that could have been built on this property is approximately 12-14. Mr. Breton displayed the map and the Chairman delineated the location. Mr. Breton motioned and Mr. Rouillard seconded the motion to purchase Lot #8-B-5716, 53.4 acres of land, for the price of \$837,500.00; 20% off set by the DES Wellhead Protection Grant of \$167,000.00 coming from the State. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Breton thanked Dr. Finn for the hard work he did to obtain the Wellhead Protection Grant.

Pelletier Subdivision – Planning Board Request for Comments

Subdivide Lot 22-L-1 into two single-family residential lots and one non-buildable lot to be dedicated to the Town of Windham as a right-of-way. The property is located at the end of West Shore Road in the Residential A Zone. The applicant is proposing a hammerhead turnaround at the end of West Shore Road that will provide an area for snow storage for the Town. The lot is approximately 6.17 acres and has frontage on a Town road. The proposed driveway is approximately 600-feet in length and adjacent to a utility easement measuring 5,055 square feet. The existing structure is 3000 square feet



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while the proposed structure will be approximately 4000 square feet. Both structures will be serviced by separate wells and septic systems. The shoreline of the subject property is located within the Shoreland Protection district and the proposed project will not generate any adverse impacts to the shoreline. The property consists of several wetland areas and is located within the WWPD.

After reviewing the submitted plan the Commission had the following comments:

- The plan is confusing.
- The driveway shown is not anywhere near 600 feet but more like 150 feet.
- Minimize the wetland impact created by the hammerhead or develop an alternate solution.

Mr. Senibaldi arrived.

Lot #8-B-4900, Libbey Road – Request by Al Turner for recommendations

Impacts to wetlands and WWPD

On site investigations were conducted on January 3, 2007 and February 28, 2007 by Gove Environmental Services. Wetlands, fill areas, dredge areas and disruption to upland areas in the WWPD were flagged and located by the survey staff of Edward N. Herbert Associates, Inc.

Mr. Rouillard read into the record two recommendations made by Gove Environmental.

1. The culvert outlet and the new ditch excavation to the roadside swale need to be stabilized with fabric overlaid with riprap. This should be designed by an engineer, as it will be a permanent erosion control measure.
2. The aerial photo of 1998 clearly shows a forested habitat in the northwest corner of the lot. Multiple encroachments have reduced the forested habitat to a fraction of what it was. From a habitat standpoint, restoration of the forested habitat would have more value than other measure that might be implemented. Therefore, we would suggest an aggressive planting plan that would restore the areas to a mix of forested/scrub-shrub habitat. Further, we would suggest the area be monumented with signs clearly noting the area as a wetland not to be disturbed to deter further creeping encroachment. The attached plan provides the suggested species, size and density for the disturbed areas.

After reviewing the information provided, the Commission was in agreement with Mr. Gove's recommendations and had no objections to his proposals. Mr. Rouillard motioned and Mr. Breton seconded the motion to receive more information as to the extent of the filled area on this site before we complete our comments. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of April 12, 2007 Minutes

Mr. Morris motioned and Mr. Senibaldi seconded the motion to accept the April 12, 2007 minutes as written. Motion passed 6-0.



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Other Business

The Chairman read into the record a letter from Al Turner, Director of Planning & Development, dated April 24, 2007, regarding Fosters Pond. *A citizen has called to request that the Conservation Commission restore the dam at Fosters Pond... The berm was washed out in the storm of 1997. Some citizens along with help from the beavers built the dam back up but not to the pre-1997 level. The dam was blown out again in the storm of 2001 and rebuilt by the beavers. The dam was washed out again last week. Is there any interest in rebuilding the dam back to its 1997 level? A new man-made dam would require a permit from the NHDES...* The Commission decided that they would not touch the dam but leave it to the beavers.

Mr. Morris discussed marking some of the pedestrian easements received through the Planning process. Mr. Zohdi has offered to mark the first 150-feet of the easements that are on paper. The Trails Committee is finding the abutting property owners if it runs along lot lines to notify them by certified letter that there will be some survey work being done on their property. Mr. Rouillard asked if the Planning Department can provide a spreadsheet listing all Trail Easements.

Mail

- Newsletter from Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity.
- Copy of April 10, 2007 letter from NHDES, Wetlands Bureau, to Roy & Rose Morgan regarding Wetlands Complaint #2007-00664, 28 Sharon Road.
- Copy of April 13, 2007 letter of Deficiency #DWGB 07-069 from NHDES, Restaurant Licensing Bureau, to Kay & Jon Normington. Records at DES show that the Windham Junction water system has failed to submit four repeat bacteria samples following the November 2006 coliform positive bacteria sample and failed to submit five routine January 2007 samples following the December 2006 coliform positive samples. As a result Monitoring/Reporting violations were issued for November 2006 and January 2007.
- April 20, 2007 letter from Turtle Rock Road Residents regarding 76 turtle Rock Road, Cobbetts Pond, Septic Plan D-29275, Septic System and Retaining Wall complaint.
- April 24, 2007 letter from Al Turner regarding repair of the dam at Fosters Pond.

Mr. Breton motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to go into Closed Session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of land acquisitions. Motion passed 6-0.

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