



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission Draft Minutes July 14, 2011

Members:

Dr. James Finn, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Morris, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Brian Dell'Orfano, Secretary
Mr. Dennis Senibaldi, Member (Excused)
Ms. Pamela Skinner, Member
Ms. Lisa Ferrisi, Member
Mr. Bernie Rouillard, Alternate
Mr. John McRobbie, Alternate

Seat Alternate

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

I-93 Project – Pete Stamnas of NHDOT

Mr. Pete Stamnas, I-93 Project Manager for NHDOT, advised the Commission that Marc Lauren, Environmental Manager and Dan Prehemo Lead Reviewer for the design effort were also in attendance. The purpose of their visit was to review the current plans for the median mitigation site at Exit 3. Mr. Stamnas wanted to solicit input on the current sign proposal and talk about potential opportunities for stewardship of some of the mitigation sites in Windham. Mr. Stamnas gave a general construction update of the I-93 project. Mr. Stamnas showed on the displayed plan the mitigation sites. The original plan for the mitigation site had 37 acres. Originally NHDOT was looking to restore the original footprint of the wetland. As the engineering was advanced on the mitigation site hydraulic concerns were identified to the east at West Shore Road. The post construction elevation conditions were in excess of the pre-construction conditions. NHDOT tried to come up with a proposal that would minimize or eliminate the differences between the pre and post conditions. They had a plan they thought would work and showed it to resource agencies, but it didn't unify the two wetlands and it didn't meet the purpose of the mitigation site. It was suggested, since the value wasn't there something else should be tried. Mr. Stamnas showed the new plan (a little different than what they previously had) on the displayed map and asked for feedback.

- Fill will be removed.
- There will be appropriate plantings.
- It will still be the same 37 acres under a conservation easement.
- Pavement will be removed on the southern approach.



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- The area will be loamed and seeded.
- This proposal still provides an upland area between the two wet areas.
- Because they are not getting down into the water elevations it minimizes the potential of water quality issues during construction.

Mr. Stamnas said that this is not land that is available for development it will all be under a conservation easement just as the plan called for when it was originally engineered.

Mr. Dan Prehemo, Lead Design Reviewer, showed the locations of the roadway culverts and spoke about their functions and storm water routing at West Shore Road.

Mr. Stamnas explained that shut offs will be built into all of the water quality basins. Anything that drains into Canobie Lake will have a shut off.

Mr. Marc Lauren, Environmental Manager, explained that the plans for the planting were developed to enhance the natural vegetation. Trees such as Silver Maples will be used so that the area will not look like an old road bed. Mr. Lauren showed on the displayed plan where the detention area will be on Johnson Street.

Mrs. Dunn of Woodvue Road asked Mr. Stamnas to show on the displayed plan the location of the Pennichuck wells.

Mr. Bill Schroeder of Woodvue Road asked who will own the property when all is said and done. Mr. Stamnas said that the State of NH is the owner and there will be a local steward. Mr. Schroeder asked if a sound barrier would be considered for the area. Mr. Lauren said that there is no warrant for any noise mitigation.

Ginny Campiola of West Shore Road showed on the displayed plan the area where she thought trees would help for noise mitigation.

Mr. Stamnas said that he will follow up with correspondence regarding stewardship opportunities.

19 Lake Shore Road, Lot 21-H-14 – Joe Maynard of Benchmark Engineering

Mr. Maynard gave a brief history of the property and explained that the resident received a violation notice from NHDES regarding a patio. In 2008 another engineering company removed the patio that the homeowner wanted to keep. The homeowner received an Administrative Order #11-003 WD notice after a compliance check by the State of NH. In order to resolve the Administrative Order the homeowner met with NHDES staff and is in agreement to complete the following.



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- Remove the existing concrete/stone deck (approximately 200 square feet) along the storefront.
- Remove approximately 200 square feet of concrete step to the dock/deck.
- Construction of wall behind dock/deck in line with the existing wall.
- Plant additional landscaping to supplement the area between the existing patio.

Mr. Maynard submitted photos and explained that the above work is to be completed to allow the patio to remain.

5 Fox Road, Lot I7-J-119 – Joe Maynard of Benchmark Engineering

Mr. Maynard explained that the old stone culvert is collapsing and needs to be replaced. Impacts to jurisdictional wetlands will be at the inlet and outlets and are limited to the location of the existing culvert. A minimum expedited application will be filed and must have an authorized Conservation Commission signature. Dr. Finn signed the Dredge & Fill application.

11 Wilson Road, Lot 24-F-4005 – Joe Maynard of Benchmark Engineering

Mr. Maynard showed on the displayed plan the location of the WWPD. The owner would like to build a garage with an accessory apartment for their son. A variance is needed and Mr. Maynard would like support from the Conservation Commission before going before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A site walk is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 6:00 PM. The Conservation Commission will have comments after the site walk.

Planning Board Report – Ms. Skinner

The Planning Board approved the Walker Woods application at their July 13, 2011 meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Rouillard said that he was made aware of a Dredge & Fill violation at Herbert Field adjacent to Fosters Pond.

Mr. McRobbie and Ms. Skinner were excused early.

Mail

- 2011 Application Form from UNH Cooperative Extension for NH Coverts Program that trains volunteers to help promote wildlife habitat conservation and forest stewardship in their communities.
- MHDES Shoreland Impact Permit 2011-01402 for 28 Ash Street, Permit expires 7/6/2016.



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- Copy of a July 7, 2011 State of NH Inter Department Communication from Charles Hood, Administrator to Gino Infascelli, Public Works Permitting Officer regarding Dredge & Fill 2002-02033 Update 1 Exit 3 Southbound Mainline.

Mr. Rouillard motioned and Ms. Skinner seconded the motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 to discuss land acquisition. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for July 28, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Community Development Office.

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