



# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## Conservation Commission Draft Minutes January 26, 2012

### Members:

Dr. James Finn, Chairman

Mr. Wayne Morris, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Brian Dell'Orfano, Secretary (Excused)

Mr. Dennis Senibaldi, Member

Ms. Pamela Skinner, Member (Excused)

Ms. Lisa Ferrisi, Member

Mr. Bernie Rouillard, Alternate

### Seat Alternates

The Chairman appointed Mr. Rouillard to replace Mr. Dell'Orfano for this meeting.

### **Lot #24-F-30, Field Road**

**Luke Hurley of Gove Environmental – Presenter**

**Bob Peterson – Owner**

Mr. Hurley explained that 26 units have been built at Great Mountain View Estates and the original permit, for 2000 square feet of impact, has expired. The owner was not allowed to get an extension for the permit because it expired. A request for an extension would have to be submitted before the permit expires. The plans have not changed they are the same as originally shown in 2005/2006. The state required that the temporary culverts that were put in be taken out and restored back to the width of the proposed span. This was done at the end of December 2011 and the temporary crossing was removed. The proposed culvert will be an open box 50 feet long, 10 feet wide and 3 feet high. Once the permit is issued the applicant has five years to use the permit.

Mr. Bob Peterson, owner, explained the work was directed by Emily Lucas of NH DES.

### **Moeckel Dam**

**Dianna Fallon, President, Friends of Moeckel Pond – Presenter**

Mrs. Fallon thanked the Commission for giving her time on the agenda. The last time Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Young were before the Conservation Commission they presented a plan to rebuild Moeckel Dam and restore the pond with the Conservation Commission's help. Mrs. Fallon said gave an update on the work plan.



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## Work Plan Update

### Organization Development

- Friends of Moeckel Pond received a Federal IRS Designation 501c3. Mrs. Fallon submitted all of the determination letters for the Commission's file.
- A Village District was approved on June 20, 2011 for the purpose of owning and maintaining a repaired dam. Their first annual meeting will be held April 15, 2012.

Mrs. Fallon, Friends of Moeckel Pond Chair, who lives on Moeckel Pond, is retired from Human Services. has a background in non-profit management and community organizing and development, introduced the following Board Members:

- Norm Young a retired statistician and researcher from the High Tech Industry is the Vice-President.
- Darin Leeman, Board Member, is an Adjunct Professor of Finance at SNHU and works in the insurance field and is also a Board Member of the Rock Pond Association.
- George Kimbal, Board Member, is a retired Electrical Engineer with extensive RFQ experience.
- Carol Pynn, Board Member, is a retired Micro-biologist with historic preservation experience.

Mrs. Fallon reminded the Board that during her last visit to the Commission she stated that they would develop a fund raising capacity and they have.

- Approved by the Windham Endowment Board there will be participation in their fundraising efforts with a donor advised fund which has received donations.
- Listed on the Windham Endowment Website that can be accessed with the URL listed in the brochure. On the WE site you will find a link that leads to Moeckel Pond Information and giving options as well as a link to the MPVD website where Friends of Moeckel Pond updates are listed.
- Friends of Moeckel Pond has attended local events and have had a gratifying response. Some people have memories of Moeckel Pond from their childhood fishing and boating. Newer residents are excited about the recreational opportunities the pond will provide once the dam is completed.

Mrs. Fallon went on to say that she and Mr. Young made contact with Chuck Corliss, Engineer in charge of Moeckel Pond for NH DES Dam Bureau. Mr. Corliss has been helpful and assured Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Young that his goal is to help in the repairs to the dam. Mr. Corliss also advised Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Young that after the legal issues are resolved the time clock will start at the beginning allowing two years to fund raise and a year to construct.



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The Friends of Moeckel Pond are working with lawyers from DTC. Kate Miller is their non-profit attorney and Christopher Boldt will handle real estate and land issues. Probate issues for the property have been resolved. The title search is drawing to a conclusion and they will have the documentation the Conservation Commission needs by the end of February. A contact from the Conservation Commission will be needed for their attorney. To learn more about Moeckel Pond you can go to on [www.windhamendowment.org](http://www.windhamendowment.org), click on *our work, community project, Moeckel Pond* to learn more about Moeckel Pond and/or donate.

## **Review & Approval of Minutes**

The Members decided to review the minutes at the February 9, 2012 meeting.

## **Bay State Forestry**

Mr. Morris reported to the Commission that he spoke with Mike Powers of Bay State Forestry regarding the plan he submitted for review. Mr. Morris forwarded the plan on to the Conservation Commission Members. Mr. Morris invited Mr. Powers to attend the February 9, 2012 meeting to discuss the plan that was submitted.

## **Lot #11-C-3625, 10 Pine Hill Road**

The Chairman read into the record a letter from Marlinda Polinski-Beduhn, owner of the 3.8 acre parcel that she is trying to sell at 10 Pine Hill Road. Ms. Beduhn lives in Florida and requested the Commission contact her with any interest they may have in buying the property. Mr. Morris said that there is conservation land on Pine Hill Road. The Members will walk the property before responding to Ms. Beduhn.

## **Southeast Land Trust Easement Monitoring of Rau & Blanchard Properties**

Mr. Morris read into the record a letter from Deborah Gordon of the Southeast Land Trust regarding easement monitoring. On December 9, 2011 ground monitoring was performed on the Rau and Blanchard tracts. There was a large brush pile in the 15 foot pedestrian access easement leading to the Blanchard Tract that appears to come from the abutter at lot 8-B-5715. The brush pile consists of tree branches and clumps of grass that make it difficult to access the town property. An area near the corner of lot 8-B-5714 sections of house siding, PVC pipe and other trash was dumped. The Land Trust suggested having the boundaries blazed. Mr. Rouillard suggested that the Commission do their own site walk and then send a letter to the abutters requesting they move the items out of the easement.

## **NH Association of Conservation Commissions**

Mr. Morris advised the Members of the lack of service from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Mr. Morris contacted them asking for an update as to what is going on at the state level regarding bills that are trying to weaken Conservation



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Commission's ability to use current use money. Mr. Morris will contact them again regarding their lack of service because he never received a response.

## **Reorganization**

The Members had a brief discussion regarding the effect the reorganization of the Community Development Department would have on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Morris reported on the conversation he had with Ms. Scott, Director of the department.

## **Electronic Mail**

Mr. Morris suggested that the Commission request NHDES to send their correspondence electronically. This would allow all of the Members to review that mail before a meeting. Mrs. Kovolyan will contact NHDES.

## **Non-Public Session**

Mr. Morris motioned and Mr. Rouillard seconded the motion to go into non-public session per RSA91-A:3 to discuss land acquisition. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Community Development Department.

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