

Conservation Committee
July 12, 2001

Members:

James Finn - Chairman
Tom Seniow - Vice-Chairman
Christie Davis - Secretary
Gerry Capron - Member
Cherie Howell - Member
Lisa Linowes - Member
Pamela Skinner - Member
Bernie Rouillard - Alternate

Minutes

Mr. Seniow motioned to accept the June 28, 2001 Minutes. Mrs. Howell seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Landry Sign

Mr. Cliff Miller advised the Members that he would be installing the posts for the Landry Sign on July 13th. A micro-walk is scheduled for 8:00 AM at the site. Mr. Scott Johnson will be attending and will help with the installation of the posts. A date for the ceremony will be chosen after Mr. & Mrs. Noyles return from Alaska.

Zoning Board Application 1-B-1036 (28-2001)

1 Mulberry Street

The Conservation Commission reviewed this request for a variance and opposes granting this variance because of insufficient information in the application. The plan lacks the following:

- A topographic plan would indicate existing and proposed grades.
- Mapping indicating existing soil types and extent of wetlands.
- Photographs would be helpful in considering this application.

The Conservation Commission takes its stewardship of town wetlands, as delineated by the WWPD, very seriously. In light of our mission and the insufficiencies of this application, we respectfully request that the Zoning Board of Adjustment deny or continue this application.

Case No. 5-A-1013 (29-2001)

The Conservation Commission opposes this and all requests for a variance from the WWPD regulation in order to locate swimming pools within the WWPD. Specific to this request we have several objections:

- It has not been in any way demonstrated that the pool could not be located in the extended areas of this property that are not in the WWPD.
- Proposed changes in grading associated with the landscaping proposed by the applicant have not been in any way delineated on the site plan. This landscape grading could have even greater impact than the pool and shed. There is no compelling reason to locate the shed in the WWPD.

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Mr. Seniow made a motion to send Mr. Finn, as the Conservation Commission's representative, to the July 24th ZBA meeting. Mr. Capron seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Goals and Objectives

- Three or four site walks per year
- Conservation Land Strategy & Acquisition
- Public Outreach Projects such as estate planning or a family land workshop
- A Member of the Conservation Commission to attend the NHACC in November
- Trails Mapping Workshop
- Outreach to large land owners
- Mrs. Davis will schedule a meeting with Mr. Brewster Bartlett of Pinkerton Academy (Dr. Splatt's Road Kill)
- Mr. Rouillard will coordinate Bridge Work (August 11, 2001 Foster's Pond Bridge)
- DOT I-93 Wetlands Mitigation Proposal
- LCHIP Grant Application
- Conservation Camp Scholarships
- Schedule Digit Taylor - Dollars & Sense
- Reprint or Revision of Walking in Windham Books

Scout Projects

Landry Easement - Trail, Bluebird Boxes - Kevin Cole
Gage Lands - Heritage Hill Road - Devon Farmer
Collins Brook Road to Nesmith Library 50 foot ROW Path

Scheduled Site Walks

Summer Walk - August 25, 2001 at 10:00 AM, Railroad Depot to Mitchell Pond
Autumn Walk - October 20, 2001 Deer Leap
Winter Walk - February 9, 2002 Fosters Pond
Spring Walk - April 20, 2002 Gage Land

Mr. Seniow made a motion to adopt the goals and objectives listed. Mrs. Howell seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Apple Festival

The Chairman, Mr. Finn, reported that the Apple Festival might not be held this year. He will advise the Members when he has more information.

Gage Land

Mr. Seniow will write an article for the *Windham Independent* regarding the April Gage Land Walk.

Mail

- Volunteer Immunity Law Forms
- NHDES, File #2001-00944, 18 Hayes Hart Road, Notification of incomplete expedited application
- Letter to NHDES regarding File #2001-00944 from Mr. Wayne Ulaky,
- Letter from Rachel Rouillard of the NH Land & Community heritage Investment Program advising the Commission that their proposal for the acquisition of 20 acres was not selected for funding.
- NHDES Letter of Deficiency #SP 2001-09, Lot #17-M-36, York Road.
- Memo from Theresa Walker of LCHIP, deadline for eligibility applications is August 1st and for

final applications is September 4th.

- Letter to all Tree Cutting Services in the Windham area from Alfred Turner, Director of Planning & Development, regarding the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, NHRSA 483-B.
- Book order form from the Land Trust Alliance.
- Spring 2001, Technical Bulletin #15 from NHOSP.

Mrs. Howell made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on July 26, 2001 at 7:30 PM at the Planning & Development Office.

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

