



# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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July 24, 2003

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

## **Alternate Appointment**

Vice-Chairman Skinner chaired the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Fallon and appointed Mr. Rouillard to replace Mr. Adams for this meeting.

## **Spruce Pond Estates, Dredge & Fill**

Presented by Joe Maynard of Benchmark Engineering  
Location – Adjacent to NH Route 28 (Rockingham Road)  
Lots 3-B-600, 650, 1200, 1300

Mrs. Linowes asked that the Conservation Commission consider sending a letter to the Planning Board asking that the Commission be given time to review this plan. The Members reviewed the letter written by Mr. Anderson regarding Spruce Pond. Mr. Seniow motioned to accept the letter written to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service as written. Mrs. Linowes seconded the motion. Mr. Senibaldi, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Seniow, Mrs. Linowes and Mr. Rouillard voted not to accept the letter as written. Motion failed 0-5. The Members discussed the following:

- Drainage
- Mitigation beyond open space
- Concerns regarding the loss of wetland function
- Concerns regarding road width
- Add Best Management Practices to letter

Mr. Seniow motioned to accept the letter as amended. Mr. Senibaldi seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

After listening to Mr. Maynard's presentation and discussing the areas of concern the Conservation Commission had the following recommendations:

- Area A (1,800 square feet) Drainage is a concern in this area. The Commission would like to see an investigation into alternatives to minimize rip rap.
- Area B (23,000 square feet) This is the largest wetland impact the Commission has ever seen. The Commission would like to see further mitigation including exploring wetland creation in proximity to the area of impact.
- Area C (450 square feet) The map of this area should be amended to include the full impacted area.
- Area D (40 square feet) No particular concerns.
- In areas A, B and C impact would be reduced by employing narrower road widths.

### **Hopkins Road**

Presented by Joe Maynard of Benchmark Engineering

Mr. Maynard explained that he must go before the NH Department of Transportation before he can give more definitive information. Mr. Maynard will present the plan in great detail in the future. There was a discussion on the road link to Derry. Mr. Seniow asked if the Commission should make a strong statement to the Board of Selectmen asking them not to change a Class VI road to a Class V road if it is part of an active trail system. Mr. Maynard provided a preliminary environmental impact study and explained that the study gives a brief synopsis of what is proposed in the area and how it was looked at from the standpoint of relocating Hopkins Road outside the existing alignment. Mrs. Linowes motioned to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that the Commission is opposed to Hopkins Road being upgraded from a Class VI to a Class V road and this will further fragment an existing forested area. Mr. Seniow seconded the motion. Mr. Rouillard and Mrs. Linowes voted to send the letter. Mr. Senibaldi, Mr. Seniow and Mr. Anderson voted not to send the letter. Motion failed 2-3. The Commission discussed both conventional and open space subdivisions. Mr. Senibaldi motioned to amend the letter so that the Selectmen know that there are alternative concerns if Hopkins Road is not approved mainly the Developer using a conventional rather than an open space subdivision which would require more Dredge & Fill permits on the other side of the railroad bed. Mrs. Linowes seconded the motion. Mr. Seniow read into the record a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding Hopkins Road. Mrs. Linowes motioned to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating that the Commission is opposed to the Hopkins road upgrade from Class VI to Class V at this time due to additional fragmentation of undeveloped forested area and the loss of a public trail but the Commission understands there is the potential for greater environmental impact. Mr. Rouillard motioned at this time the Conservation Commission objects to the reclassification of Hopkins because of potential fragmenting of undeveloped forested lands. Mr. Senibaldi added to Mr. Rouillard's motion but be aware of the possibility of greater impact due to conventional subdivision to access the remaining lots at the end of the road. Mrs. Linowes seconded the motion. Mrs. Linowes, Mr. Senibaldi and Mr. Anderson voted for the motion. Mr. Rouillard and Mr. Seniow voted against the motion. Motion passed 3-2.

Miss Skinner granted a five-minute recess.

Miss Skinner called the meeting back to order.

### **Planning Board Report – Miss Skinner**

The Planning Board voted not to approve the bridge connection for Castle Reach Phase III.

Miss Skinner advised the Commission that Mrs. Fallon resigned.

### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Seniow nominated Mr. Anderson for Chairman. Miss Skinner seconded the nomination. Mr. Anderson nominated Mrs. Linowes for Chairman. Mrs. Linowes seconded the motion. Mr. Anderson elected 4-1-1.

Mr. Senibaldi nominated Mrs. Linowes for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Anderson seconded the nomination. Miss Skinner nominated Mr. Seniow for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Anderson seconded the nomination. Mrs. Linowes elected 4-2.

Mr. Rick Adams was elected Secretary of the Commission at the July 10, 2003 meeting.

Mrs. Fallon and the Commission Members reported on the site walk at 10 Woodvue Road for a seasonal floating dock. The Applicant was advised not to cut trees but could trim the trees. The dock would be built on the footing of a previous dock. The Applicant told the Members that attended the site walk that he would be launching from another dock. The Applicant submitted both a Seasonal Dock Notification form and an Expedited Dredge & Fill form to the DES. Mrs. Linowes reported that the Dredge & Fill form had not been signed by the Town Clerk and the abutters had not been notified therefore DES would be returning the application.

### **Mail**

- Letter from Al Turner requesting \$205.00 from the Commission to purchase three printer heads.
- Memo from Planning Board regarding review of capital need for 2004 Town meeting and six-year capital needs proposals.
- Request for more information from NHDES regarding 30-lot residential subdivision, Morrison Road
- Letter from Rock Pond Improvement Association regarding an increasing number of boats on Rock Pond with motors which are illegal.
- Letter to Arlene Allen from Al Turner regarding Wetlands Bureau File #2003-01090. Docks mentioned in the June 6, 2003 letter have been in place for 50-60 years. Docks are maintained by a home owners association that have deeded rights to the lake.
- Letter for Ronald & Mary Bevil from Al Turner regarding lot 17-J-100B Rocky Ridge Road. Dock in violation of RSA 482-A, in front of town property.
- Letters to all Commission Members from Elaine Cutler, Superintendent of Schools regarding a meeting on July 22, 2003. Windham and Pelham School Boards to provide an informational meeting for the citizens of both towns.
- Brochure from EPA New England regarding Transferable Development Rights.
- From Al Turner a copy of an article regarding Wetlands Restoration.
- From Al Turner a Copy of an article from “Town & City” regarding *How to Fund the Acquisition of Conservation Land*

- Rockingham Land Trust, Summer 2003 Issue.
- Summer 2003 Issue of *The Source*.
- NH Fish & Game Summer 2003 issue of *Wildlines*.
- From Al Turner an article from the *Nashua Telegraph* regarding Hollis' purchase of 78 acres.
- Notice from the Center for integrative Regional \Problem Solving regarding a symposium on Communities experiencing rapid change scheduled for September 6, 2003.
- Notice regarding the October 25, 2003 Fall Planning & Zoning Conference at Plymouth Sate University
- Letter from Cynthia Smith, Chair of Rockingham County Conservation District regarding Conservation Easement Monitoring.
- Notice from the Hudson-Litchfield News announcing that on August 15, 2003 they will be publishing the Pelham-Windham News.
- Spring 2003, Issue of *Conservation Commission News* from NHACC.

Mr. Seniow motioned and Mrs. Linowes seconded the motion to go into closed session based on RSA 91-A:3 to discuss land acquisition. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for August 14, 2003 at 7:30 PM in the Planning & Development Office.

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