# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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# Conservation Commission Minutes September 28, 2006

Dr. James Finn – Chairman

Mr. Bruce Breton – Vice-Chairman

Mr. Bernie Rouillard – Secretary

Dr. Bruce Anderson – Member (Excused)

Miss Pamela Skinner – Member (Absent)

Mr. Wayne Morris – Alternate

Mr. Dennis Senibaldi – Alternate (Absent)

#### **Seat Alternates**

The Chairman appointed Mr. Morris to replace Miss Skinner and Mr. Rouillard to replace Dr. Anderson for this meeting.

## **Dredge & Fill Application – Richard Armstrong**

Lot #17-M-17, 35 Armstrong Road

75-Feet of Shoreline Frontage on Cobbetts Pond

Remove the existing foundation of a boat house that will not be rebuilt. A permit is requested to rebuild a retaining wall that has collapsed. All work will be done in the winter season when the pond is at its lowest point. Retaining wall will be 10'W X 18'L X 3'H and 10" thick. Approximate wetland impact will be 180 square feet.

Mr. Richard Armstrong presented his application and explained that he was granted a variance with the condition that he remove the existing boat house. The foundation of the boat house collapsed. NH DES advised Mr. Armstrong of the necessary steps needed to rebuild the foundation. Mr. Armstrong was required to submit a Minimum Impact Expedited Dredge & Fill application and asked for the Conservation Commission's signature in order to have a 30 day turn around time rather than 75 to 90 days. According to the DES the existing footprint is the shoreline and back filling is not allowed. Mr. Breton motioned and Mr. Morris seconded the motion to allow the Chairman to sign the Expedited Dredge & Fill application submitted by Mr. Armstrong. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

#### **Dredge & Fill Application – H&B Homes Corporation**

Northland Road & Route 28

Total area of work 7600 square feet

Left turn lane for northbound traffic into Spruce Pond Estates, a guard rail and some minor drainage improvements. Improvements to the road infrastructure are required by the NHDOT to support the development of Spruce Pond Estates.

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The Chairman said that this area was already looked at during a site walk. Mr. Morris explained that the DOT wants 4:1 slopes which increases the impact. Minor culvert work that flows under Route 28 will be done. Mr. Morris motioned and Mr. Breton seconded the motion to recommend the approval of the Dredge & Fill for H&B Homes for a total area of 7600 square feet. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

### **Approval of August 31, 2006 Minutes**

Mr. Breton motioned and Mr. Morris seconded the motion to approve the August 31, 2006 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Breton suggested that the printing and updating of the *Walking In Windham* Books be added to the budget. Mr. Breton would like to see the following information included in the *Walking In Windham* Book:

- Location of purchased land.
- Recreation Areas
- Value of Current Use

The Commission discussed appropriating money for trail repairs and setting a time to work on the *Walking In Windham* books.

Mr. Morris motioned and Mr. Breton seconded the motion to purchase *The Wisdom of Small Farms and Local Food* book. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Mr. Breton motioned and Mr. Rouillard seconded the motion to have a check drawn in the amount of \$2500.00 as a retainer for Attorney Tom Masland. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

#### Mail

- September 5, 2006 Notification from the state Conservation Committee regarding grant funding for natural resource conservation projects. Applications due no later than 11/17/06.
- September 6, 2006 Notification from Mary Reynolds of NH Arborists Association regarding Community Beautification Awards Program.
- September 12, 2006 UNH order form for *The Wisdom of Small Farms and Local Food* Book.
- September 12, 2006 Letter from Joseph Maynard of Benchmark Engineering regarding land swap.
- September 12, 2006 Rockingham Planning Commission meeting notice and agenda for The Coastal Watersheds Land Conservation Plan.

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- September 13, 2006 Copy of letter from Al Turner to Phil LoChiatto of the Planning Board regarding ZBA variances.
- September 13, 2006 Notice from David Sullivan regarding Budget Submissions. The Conservation Commission is scheduled for November 1, 2006 at 3:00 PM.
- September 14, 2006 Notice from Wetlands Preservation, Inc. regarding wetland plant stock.
- September 15, 2006 letter from Attorney Campbell regarding Rau Estate.
- September 15, 2006 letter from NHDES regarding Lot 20-E-135 for NYZ Landholdings, Wetlands File #2006-02338 stating that the application has been accepted
- Invitation from the Windham Rail Trail Alliance to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Windham Rail Trail.
- September 18, 2006 administrative order from the NHDES Water Division that the DES receive within 30 days of the date of the order a restoration plan for removal of all portions of the tennis court that are located within 50-feet of the reference line for Canobie Lake be submitted for 2 Woodvue Road.
- Copy of September 20, 2006 letter from Al Turner to Paul Chicklis, Lot 24-F-5100 regarding violations on lot 24-F-5100.

At 8:30 PM Mr. Breton motioned and Mr. Rouillard seconded the motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 for the purpose of land acquisition. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for October 12, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Planning & Development Office.

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