



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission

Minutes

April 24, 2008

Dr. James Finn – Chairman (Excused)
Mr. Bernie Rouillard – Secretary
Dr. Bruce Anderson – Member (Excused)
Miss Pamela Skinner – Member
Mr. Chris Rossetti – Member
Mr. Dennis Senibaldi – Member (Excused)
Mr. Wayne Morris – Alternate

Mr. Rouillard was the Acting Chairman for this meeting.

Seat Alternates

Mr. Rouillard replaced Dr. Anderson and Mr. Morris replaced Dr. Finn for this meeting.

Replacement of Castle Hill Road Bridge over Beaver Brook – Dredge & Fill

Estimated area to be filled – 1100 square feet

Estimated total area of proposed work in Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction – 3200 square feet

Average length of Shoreline Frontage – 190 feet

The town of Windham is seeking to replace the existing one-lane timber deck and timber stringer bridge. The proposed bridge provides two, 10-foot travel lanes with 2-foot shoulders and on-bridge guard rail providing 24' road width between bridge rails. The project also includes road widening and guardrail installation within the project limits.

After a brief discussion, the Members scheduled a site walk for Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 8:00 AM. Comments will be given at the next scheduled meeting after the site walk.

Farmland Preservation Initiative – Mr. Morris

Mr. Morris advised that photos of three Windham farms are on the town website and the fourth farm will be added soon.

Mr. Morris explained that he spoke with Mr. & Mrs. Nassar about the possibility of purchasing Apple Acres. Mr. Nassar wanted to meet with the Conservation Commission to see if there is support from the Commission regarding the possibility of purchasing Apple Acres and to discuss the process.



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Mr. Nassar explained that he has a partially complete subdivision and a road under construction. It doesn't make sense to build a road if the Town wants to buy the property. It would be important to see a formal vote or letter to take to other boards explaining that a purchase may go forward or there is a "stand still" agreement. Mr. Nassar was concerned about permits expiring. Mr. Nassar wants it to be in the record that this discussion took place and this is a legitimate possibility for him to consider.

Mr. Rouillard motioned and Mr. Morris seconded the motion that the Conservation Commission is supportive of having active conversations with Mr. Nassar and other farm owners. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Business

Mr. Morris thanked Dr. Finn for all the work he put into applying for the Water Supply Land Grant that was awarded to the Town of Windham by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Windham will receive \$190,000.00.

Approval of February 28, & March 27, 2008 Minutes

Mr. Morris motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to accept the February 28, 2008 minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0-1. Mr. Rossetti abstained because he was not at the February 28, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Morris motioned and Mr. Rossetti seconded the motion to accept the March 27, 2008 minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0-1. Mr. Rouillard abstained because he did not attend the March 27, 2008 meeting.

Planning Board Report – Miss Skinner

Miss Skinner advised the Board that there was nothing to report.

Review of Zoning Board Cases

Lot #21-K-33, Case #31-2008

Applicant – Brad & Mariann Bemister

Owner – Brad & Mariann Bemister

Location – 58 Turtle Rock Road`

Zone – Residential A

A variance is requested from Section(s) 401, 405.2 & 702 Appendix A-1, of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the enclosure of a deck with roof and screens with a side setback of 24' where 30' is required, a front setback of 30' where 50' is required and a rear setback of 30' where 50' is required and a street setback of 100' where 175' is required.

After reviewing Case #31-2008 the Commission said that this request violates the Shoreland Protection Act. Mr. Rouillard requested that a letter be sent to the Zoning Board of Adjustment stating the concerns of the Conservation Commission.



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Mail

- Copy of March 27, 2008 letter to Dennis Butterfield from Linda Magoon, Wetlands Bureau Compliance Supervisor, File #2008-00415, complaint of possible violations, Jackman Ridge Road.
- Seminar scheduled for May 29, 2008 at UNH at Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, Residential, commercial & Industrial Growth.
- March 24, 2008 letter from Topologix regarding GIS mapping.
- Copy of April 2, 2008 letter from Al Turner to Dennis Senibaldi regarding parking for Griffin Park.
- From Bruce Breton a copy of 3/31/08 memo to David Sullivan from Rex Norman regarding Land Use Change Tax Pending.
- Copy of E-mail from Al Turner regarding Shoreland Protection Act.
- Copy of April 2, 2008 letter from David Sullivan to Francis Ferris III, regarding the proposed purchase of Lot 16-P-1004.
- March 2008 Current Use.
- Tennessee Gas Pipeline's new compressor station in Pelham, NH.
- April 4, 2008 letter from Thomas Gilbert, Shoreland Specialist, NH DES Wetlands Bureau to Aquavest Realty Trust regarding 17 Oak Street requesting additional information for the Shoreland Waiver application.
- Statement from Gove Environmental regarding invoice 18496 in the amount of \$569.98.
- Statement from Gove Environmental regarding invoice 18397 in the amount of \$899.88.
- From Al Turner Certified Plot Plan of 2 Wilson Road.
- From Planning Board – Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act Workshop scheduled for May 5, 2008.
- Copy of April 7, 2008 letter from Thomas Gilbert of NH DES Wetland Bureau, requesting more information for the Shoreland Waiver application for 29 Abbott Road, File #2008-00385.
- Copy of April 9, 2008 letter from Attorney Campbell to David Sullivan regarding Mesiti Homes.
- Request to amend Standard Dredge & Fill application for Route 28 & Northland Road, Spruce Pond Estates. Original application to impact 6 wetlands at 9 impact areas for a total wetland impact of 36, 150 square feet. The application has been amended to impact 8 wetlands at 12 impact areas for a total wetland impact of 51,250. The mitigation package for this project has also been amended.
- Copy of April 10, 2008 from Lindsay O'Reilly of Gove Environmental to Eben Lewis of NH DES Wetlands Bureau regarding Complaint File #2008-00415, Jackman Ridge Road.



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- Copy of April 15, 2008 from Eben Lewis, Wetlands Compliance Specialist of NH DES Wetlands Bureau to Dennis Butterfield regarding Wetlands File #2008-415, Jackman Ridge Road.
- Invoice #4889, dated 4/16/08 from West Environmental for \$490.60, Lot 8-B-4000.
- April 7, 2008 Letter from John Cookson, Forester, of National Grid regarding vegetation management treatments on its right-of-way in Windham.
- April 24, 2008 Memo from Dana Call regarding Conservation Land Fund as of 3/31/08.
- From Al Turner - OEP Stewardship Program scheduled for May 12, 2008.

Closed Session

Mr. Morris motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to go into Closed Session per RSA 01-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 May 8, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Planning & Development Office.

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