

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 8, 2016 at 3:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 41 SOUTH MAIN STREET

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Whit Spaulding

Staff: Vicki Smith

Others: Carol Weingeist, Alice and John Creagh, Tillie the dog, Kathy Hastings

1. Wilson's Landing Site Visit

The purpose of the visit was to review proposed improvements to Wilson's Landing. The plans have been modified based on input from NH DES. The improvements are as outlined in the letter sent to neighbors and as copied below.

It was suggested that a dispenser for dog poop clean up bags be installed near the dock areas and be operated on a pick up/carry out basis. There will continue to be no trash receptacles at Wilson's Landing.

Alice Creagh reported that on a sunny Sunday in the summer, there may be as many as 25 boat trailers and vehicles. She said that she and John noticed a drop in boat use with the recession, but now the landing is being used by more people. They notice many more swimmers and Dartmouth students using the docks. The list of improvements was unclear regarding the area for canoes and kayaks. The Commission confirmed that no new docks would be installed. The existing smaller town dock will need to be affixed to the shore in a different manner after the creosote bulkhead is removed and replaced with a lower, attractive wall. Handholds were suggested to make entering and exiting small craft from the dock easier.

The improvements will be discussed further and finalized at the Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 PM.

2. ADJOURNMENT: The site visit adjourned at 3:35PM.

Michael Mayor and Jim Kennedy arrived at the site at 4 PM and had no comment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Smith, Scribe

New scope for Wilson's Landing January 12, 2016

1. Grassed Picnic "Passive Recreation" Area:

- maintain a barrier, such as guard posts, curb stops, or mountable curb or berm 20-30 feet from the south end of the parking area, and also along the river shore.
- relocate the portable toilet to the southeast end.
- continue restoring the grass in this area.
- remove the invasive shrubs along the south and east ends of the parking area.
- perform regular mowing of the south end and the meadow area to make it more user-friendly.
- provide seasonal picnic tables and benches.

- all of this work can be done under the existing NH Shoreland Permit.

2. Town Dock and Landing:

- remove the creosote wall, replace it with a lower, attractive stone wall.
- make a more secure, lower mounting wall for the dock ramp.
- provide a launching/loading area for canoes and kayaks.
- provide riverside sitting wall or rocks.
- provide seasonal benches.
- Install an information kiosk.
- this work should only require Minimum local and state permitting.

3. Causeway:

- install guard posts along both edges.
- install signs allowing "overflow parking only" along the south edge.
- install a water bar at the top of the hill for drainage and traffic calming.
- this work should fall under Routine Roadway Maintenance, with no permits required.

4. Riverside Trail:

- clear the invasive shrubs (honeysuckle) in the trail area and along the bank.
- possible new plantings of native shrubs for screening and erosion control.
- provide steps or a ramp from the road to the trail.
- this work could be done under an amended NH Shoreland Permit.
- the Friends of Hanover Crew should be notified about this work.

5. Overflow Parking:

- install signs allowing "overflow parking only" along southern parts of Town right-of-way.
- enter into discussions with Friends of Hanover Crew about using part of the lower meadow on FOHC property for overflow parking.
- any work in this area will require review by the Hanover ZBA.

6. Route 10 Entrance:

- contact NHDOT about signage and pavement marking.
- make the entrance safer for entering and exiting traffic.