

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 41 SOUTH MAIN STREET

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Michael Mayor (Planning Board Liaison), Peter Christie (Selectmen's Representative), Whit Spaulding, Bill Mlacak.

Alternates: Jim Kennedy, John Trummel.

Staff: Vicki Smith.

Others: Brian Vincent, Tim McNamara, Audra Klumb

CURRENT BUSINESS

Recommendations for Hanover ZBA regarding Brown's septic replacement plans at 104 Blueberry Hill Drive. Audra Klumb represented the property owners at 104 Blueberry Hill Drive concerning the special exception to install a replacement septic system. The site visit was reviewed. J. Kennedy felt the plan was unclear on diversion of water away from the stream. The commission recommended including a grading plan in addition to the septic plan in the application the ZBA. A motion made to support the plan with the conditions:

That in their application, both the wetland buffer disturbance created by the re-grading and the septic system installation be quantified.

To prevent further gullying at the top of the bank that diversions or spreaders be installed in association with the grading.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommendations for NHDES regarding Dartmouth College maintenance work on the Dewey field parking lot. Tim McNamara and consulting engineer Brian Vincent presented a plan for work that has potential impacts on various wetlands. The application represents more work than they actually intend at this time but generally represents maintenance work to improve water runoff from the parking lot. J. Kennedy felt that wetlands represented as 1, 2, 3 and E (on the provided work plan map) should remain in a natural condition with minimal work. He suggested removing the documentation on the plan which indicates removal of sediment from this area. Another recommendation was made to address purple loosestrife growing in the area. The plan should also clarify the site for material storage in Dewey lot and designate a disposal area and temporary access to the wetlands. This is planned as a fall project for Dartmouth. The next step is for the commission to send a support letter to NH DES. A motion was made to support the project with the following conditions:

1) that the scope of the project be reduced in order that the project becomes a minimum impact maintenance project by:

- a) eliminating from the work proposed on Wetland #1: removing sediment from stormwater management feature/wetland and stabilize with erosion control matting.
 - b) eliminating from the work proposed on Wetland #2: removing accumulated sediment from wetland area and stabilize with New England wetland seed mix and erosion control matting.
 - c) eliminating from the work proposed on Wetland #3: removing any build-up of sediment to original design elevation within vegetated treatment swale and re-stabilizing with New England wetland seed mix and erosion control matting.
- 2) that the appearance of the trap rock swale from the multi-use path to Wetland #2 be improved by adding soil, seed and mulch.
- 3) that temporary access to the project area and locations for materials storage and sediment disposal be shown on the plan.
- The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

MINUTES Action on last month's minutes was postponed.

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

1. Hayes farm/King Sanctuary. Lilly nurturing continues and removal of a new invasive (yellow rattle) has occurred.
2. Wilson's landing work has proceeded. It is going well with positive feedback from users. John Taylor should be asked to visit to review trails out of Wilson's landing.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Jim Kennedy is the August minutes taker
2. Michael Mayor is the September minutes taker
3. Hugh Mellert is the October minutes taker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trails Committee

1. A trail planned on Hanover Improvement Society Land from Route 10 across from the Kendal driveway through the Steele Tract to the access road to Storrs Pond has been marked. Signing has been planned but needs approval from Hanover Improvement Society.
2. New trail signs were reviewed.
3. At Wilson's Landing, increased traffic has been a problem due to poor visibility of the entrance and one car accident has occurred. The trees need to be limbed to make the area and sign more visible.
4. The Selectboard approved an emergency lane option on Wolfeboro Rd from 3 Mile Rd to the AT.
5. The Harris trail is being worked on by volunteer.
6. The Hwy 38 trail easement prohibits bikes. A land transfer from Dartmouth to the Appalachian Trail (NPS) could allow bikes on that portion of the trail but the

- portion crossing private land is opposed by the landowners. Hanover Conservancy supports use of bikes here as it will allow non-road access to the Trescott lands. The trail easement is held by the town. Public input would be required if the easement is to be changed but first the easement needs to be reviewed to see if it can be easily amended as this may be not be amendable.
7. A proposal to increase UVTA budget increase was presented and distributed to the commission. Most of this increase is needed to help with trail work on the Trescott property. The cost may in part be covered by the Trescott Company which is meeting next week. The commission decided to wait for this meeting before proposing a budgetary increase for the UVTA.

Stewardship Committee—discussed above.

OTHER BUSINESS—None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Trummel, alternate commissioner