

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2008**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:04pm

Attendance: James Walter Member, Steve Couture Vice Chair, Cindy Robertson Member, Tim Johnson Chair, Tessa Creamer Alt-Member, Phil Fitanides Alt-Member

Approval of Minutes: Steve Couture motioned to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2008 with corrections James Walter seconded by voted unanimously.

Public Input: None

Appointments:

Pike Industries – Jason Judd

Jason Judd – We went in front of the ZBA to repermit our quarry and found 9.2 acres of sand and gravel reserves on our site. The town engineers we notified and they asked us to do test pits. What we came up with when we first looked at this site we found wetlands and 40 foot buffer and then there is a man made fish pond and we are have gone with the 40 foot buffer around that. There are two conservation easements on the property on is for 22 acres and 38 acres.

Steve Couture – Could you submit the conservation easements if you have them.

Jason Judd – I will see what we have in our office and I will contact the main office it may take some time.

Steve Couture – Are there future plans for the areas that are not developed?

Jason Judd – We are currently talking to DES and the Army Corps of Engineering. And the potential project is still 3 to 4 years out.

Steve Couture motioned to send of letter to the ZBA with no comment or concerns seconded by James Walter voted unanimously

Quality Drive – Deb Brewster, TF Moran –

Deb Brewster - We do not have any wetland or crossings in this project. We are working with the ZBA regarding a parcel of land that we are working on with Arleigh Green. This is a mixed use 3 zone at the very bottom of Quality Drive there are 2 parcels of land. When the original project was being developed they had talked about changing the use of these two parcels to residential. 1- 3.3; 2 -7.5 acres. Some of the concepts we are looking at are using Kimball Drive as its point of access. When we went to the ZBA residents had

showed up at the meeting. The residents did not like the connection to Quality Drive. We are proposing to gate it with a turnaround for the plow trucks. We would build this turn around for a bus also. We also felt it import to commit to a buffer to Quality Drive. We were looking at implementing a 40 foot buffer.

We have met with DES. We have talked about a restoration plan in conjunction with the residential plan. We and DES have agreed that once the development gets approval we will work to develop the restoration plan. We would like to get your feed back and see what you think.

Steve Couture – The way it is zoned now you must leave the 100ft buffer zone cannot be changed. Article 3 in the general provisions L states that fact. Unless there is something that you can show us how you were going to meet that buffer I would not be in favor of this plan.

Deb Brewster – One of the things that we have talked about in talking with these abutters, one has an existing water problem from the way the road is pitched and we thought that this would be a great area for porous pavement driveways.

Phil Fitanides – Are these septic and well?

Deb Brewster – Septic yes but there is town water down there. The septic is very adequate.

Tim Johnson – There is a detention pond behind Home Depot and it never discharged during the Mother’s Day Flood.

Deb Brewster – I have a meeting with ZBA next week and I wanted to give them your feed back and get there feedback. Then combine it all

Steve Couture – I think you could definitely I denitrify all of the water runoff on the individual site and then figure out how you would you handle the impacts if you cannot meet the buffer requirement? Those would be my questions in regards to feed back.

99 Mammoth Road – Hill Top Choice Builders

Did Not Attend

Pine Street – Serevino Trucking

Did Not Attend

Congregational Church, Veterans Drive – Holden Engineering

Did Not Attend

Blue Moon Environmental – Vernal Pool Mapping & Ordinance – Nancy Randell

Nancy Randell – I have been given some topographical data and when I started looking at it there was a hole over the town of Hooksett and I have since ordered aerial photos for

the town. I am still working with the all of the data. I will be ordering the 2008 aerial photos.

Once I get the pattern down of the vernal pools that are known throughout the town I will then compare them throughout the town. I cannot find any other town that has a separate vernal pool ordinance. Do they refer to wetland maps at all?

Steve Couture – No the ordinance does not state anything about a wetlands map.

Nancy Randell – I can change methodology regarding the ranking of the vernal in regards to importance. I also contacted Fish & Game and Amphibian reporting agency. There were a few people reporting. I will be pursuing to see if I can find out who is reporting so that I may be able to get some data from them. I just would like to know how you feel about putting the wetlands on there. If you can think of any other way I can access this information that would also be helpful.

Do you have any thoughts on what you would like to see the buffer be on the vernal pool? They are quite a few different towns that have buffers around there pools. There are all different buffers.

Commission Reports:

1. **Open Space Subcommittee** – David Hess has been working on the two properties
2. **Kiwanis Trails Initiative** – They have opened the other end of the trail
3. **SNHPC Deed Research** – Working on it.
4. **Town Pond Recreational Area** – N/A

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

1. **Invoices** – N/A
2. **2009-2010 Budget** – Budget was reduced by \$222. Steve Couture motioned to accept the budget as presented \$7,370 James Walter seconded voted unanimously.
3. **Warrant Article** – Steve Couture motioned to propose a warrant article for the ballot in May regarding RSA 36A 4-a (b) James Walter seconded voted unanimously

Non Public – RSA 91-A: 3, II, d

Adjournment: James Walter motioned to adjourn at 9:15pm Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously.