

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2008**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Steve Couture vice Chair, Tim Johnson Chair, Cindy Robertson Member, Phil Fitanides Alt-Member, David Hess member

Approval of Minutes: Steve Couture motioned to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2008 Cindy Robertson seconded by voted unanimously.

Public Input: None

Appointments:

Harmony Place – Jennifer McCourt

Jen McCourt – We are changing it from a 76 unit townhouse site to a 63 unit older people housing. We have parking underneath the units and some parking on the exterior. The fire department is telling us that they have be able to access underneath the building in the parking garage so we are now in the discussion regarding reducing parking space in the garage or raising the building. Also the Beaushene Development is having water issues now and residents are worried that we are going to make it worse by building on this site along with the other construction that has occurred in this area in the past. There are no wetland impacts. We are reducing the flow to both wetlands by a little bit.

Steve Couture – We had not seen the layout since these changes had been made and we wanted it to be reviewed before making a comment.

Jen McCourt – I designed the storm water to the regulations of the Town. We are in the process of making storm water decisions with all of the concerns that have been vocalized. I am returning to TRC on the 11th to find out where all of the departments stand. I do anticipate storm water changes but I just do not know what they are going to be now. Would you like me to come back?

Tim Johnson – Yes once the storm water and drainage plans have been finalized we would like to see those and have you discuss them with us.

Village Water – Testing – Joe Hebert

Jason Judd Pike Industries – Basically what Village water would like to do is get on the Pike conservation easement and do some test pits to see if there is water because we are looking to put another well in. The area is on the edge of a conservation easement and there is some talk about future use. But there are some restrictions on the easement for water use and such.

Village Water - There would not be artesian this is an area where the sand and gravel looks favorable and what you do is drill a small test pit to extract ground water and see if the water quality is sufficient. Once this criteria is met the state then gets involved. This closely monitored. This area appears to me to an area that we would drill a few small test pits.

Jason Judd – I did a series of test pit that went 18 feet to ledge. I would say the closest resident would be 700 to 800 feet.

Tim Johnson – Some of it would be on easement property

Steve Couture - What type of disturbance would occur

Village Water - A tract vehicle 10ft length once it departs the property in very little time the land shows no sign of disturbance.

Jason Judd – There is a class 6 roadway into this site already so you would not have to cut anything to get in.

Steve Couture – This is a very unique easement and language itself is troubling it clearly states no changes and there is no purpose to go back to in order to reference.

David Hess – The concerns that I see there to be is no change to the subsurface as it stated in the easement.

Jason Judd – When this was originally done I know that the state and Army Corps of Engineers were involved and Pike was instrumental in putting a dam in at Dube's Pond.

Village Water – Water levels are never the same. The water table constantly changes.

Steve Couture – The only way we could move forward is to get some background documentation of the the intent of the easement.

David Hess – We are the grantees and you can always make changes with all parties involved as long as all parties agree.

Village Water – the well would need to pump 60 to 70 gallons a minute with a drawdown of less than 2feet. Wells should never run 24 hours a day when rest period begins it should last 16 to 18 hours and the aquifer should recover to the original starting table. If it does not that does not make it a viable well area. A test well does not go beyond code of influence 6 feet.

Jason Judd – Pike would be willing to discuss changes to the easement if water is found.

Steve Couture – I think we should have a written plan before the test pits happen. What timeframe are you looking at to do this?

Village Water – We would like to do this before the holidays.

David Hess motioned to approve the placement of test wells in the easement area upon receipt by the chair of a written report with the exact process that will occur Steve Couture seconded voted unanimously

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

Continued to January 7, 2009

Commission Reports:

1. **Open Space Subcommittee** – Non-public session
2. **Kiwanis Trails Initiative** – Continued to move forward
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. **Prime Wetlands Buffer** – Steve Couture motioned to increase the prime wetland buffer from 75 feet to 100 feet to be consistent with the state requirements Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously

Non Public – RSA 91-A: 3, II, d

Steve Couture motioned to enter into non public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, d David Hess Seconded voted unanimously

Steve Couture motioned to exit non public Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously

Adjournment: Cindy Robertson motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm Steve Couture seconded voted unanimously.