

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2009**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:12pm

Attendance: Mike Sorel Planning Board Rep, Cindy Robertson Member, James Walter Member, Tim Johnson Chair, Phil Fitanides Alt member, David Ross Town Council member, David Hess member excused

Approval of Minutes: James Walter motioned to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2009 meeting Cindy Robertson seconded by voted unanimously

Public Input:

William French – I have land up on Wiggin Road and Mountain Road. I have a deeded Right of Way. I am looking to put telephone poles with above ground wires to provide power. I am wondering how I go about this. I have asked the highway and they have nothing to do with it. I have been told that if Public Service goes out they survey it and

Cindy Robertson – Asked that the town attorney look it over and let us know if the easement allows for power lines on it.

Appointments:

Hard Rock – Quality Dr – Deb Brewster, TF

Deb Brewster, TF Moran – There are two pieces of land that are remnants of the Quality Drive project that have not been developed. We are proposing to continue this residential development and keep it separate from Quality Drive. Currently there is a dirt road at the gate. The three residences want connection to Quality Drive and we are proposing that. Also we would move the gate down. The owner cleared more trees about a year ago and when doing so they went into the shore land protection act. They are obligated to restore it. What you have in front of you is the plan with all of the restoration and potential house lots. What I wanted to do is get your feedback for the restoration plan. DES looks for your feedback. We did not plant what was out there in doing the restoration. We will plant the larger trees in here and leave what exists. Nothing from 37ft to the water was touched. Everything we are proposing is from the 37ft mark to here.

Mike Sorel – The fire department believes that some land down there is to be set aside for a fire station. (Attached is a memo to the ZBA that was read into the record)

Deb Brewster - We are here for the restoration plan and does residential make sense in this area?

Tim Johnson – Restoration needs to move forward.

Deb Brewster – You will have two recommendations one to DES and one to the ZBA.

Tim Johnson – Is there some way to protect the plantings within the deeds? That way the plantings are not cut.

Deb Brewster – I don't know the exact answer but maybe the conservation commission recommends to the Planning Board the driveway location, minimum setback, 75 foot buffer between Quality and home lot. And deed language highlighting shore land protection restoration plan.

Mike Sorel – You can record a specific site plan.

James Walter - motioned if those provisions that have been mentioned are met we recommend the restoration plan to DES and favorable residential endorsement to the ZBA Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously.

Austin Woods Subdivision – Jim Coughlin

Jim Coughlin – We have completed an environmental study and a letter with issues that have been addressed. We have filed our wetland permit and alt-terrain permits. We have made some alterations to the plans; such as if these are gravels roads they will be gated. We have also put the buffers in. We have finalized the trail system. The red is what we are connecting the permanent blue with. Trails will be signed with small signs attached to trees. On lot 26 and lot 18 there will be special condition on those lots as per your request. Also the F6 crossing we do not have the town engineer comments on that yet. What we are hoping to do with all of these retaining walls is have the animals follow the wall.

I also wanted to give you another sample conservation easement. Just for informational purposes.

The last thing I wanted to speak about is in regards to water quality. I want you to know that we have hancor systems for storm water. The system is a treatment and storage system. It is not a detention pond per say. Alteration of Terrain is supporting this. These are being used for residential subdivisions. We also believe that these types of systems do promote habitat. This would also be an association.

Eric Mitchell – The state change the rules for the Alteration of Terrain Permit and now we have to slow the water down and clean the water as best as we can. There are a few different ways to do it. This system has been tested at UNH Cooperative Extension and has proven to work. That is why we chose this system. A maintenance system has to be in place. With the slopes in this area it will work better because of the slopes in the area. We have rated this on a 100 year storm. This is a safety valve on the 100 year storm.

James Walter – What would you like from us tonight?

James Walter motioned to send a Letter of recommendation to the ZBA that all of have addressed all of the conservation commission concerns Phil Fitandes seconded voted unanimously

Commission Reports:

1. **Open Space Subcommittee** – N/A
2. **Kiwanis Trails Initiative** – Pick-up for the trails last weekend.

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

1. **Conservation Project** - James Walter motioned to enter into a contract with West Gove Environmental \$5650 Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously
2. **Draft Meeting Schedule 2009-2010** – James Walter motion to except the draft schedule and Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously
3. **Austin Woods Conservation Easement** – I am using this as an example to show you that you can have the applicant file site plans for specific lots that will have restrictions on them. This way all parties will be aware of what they are purchasing.
4. **Old Home Day** – Cindy Robertson motioned to give James Walter \$100 for Old Home Day Phil Fitandes seconded voted unanimously

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Adjournment: James Walter motioned at 9:01pm to adjourn the meeting Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously