

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2009**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:08pm

Attendance: Tim Johnson, chair excused, Cindy Robertson member, Jim Walter member, Steve Couture vice chair, excused, David Ross Town Council Rep arrived at 8:04pm, David Hess member excused, Phil Fitanides alt-member, John Turbyne alt member

Public Input: N/A

Meeting Minutes: Jim Walter motioned to accept the meeting minutes from September 2, 2009 with amendments, Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously.

Appointments:

Clay Pond Project Wetland Report - Gove Environmental – Mark West

Mark West, Wetland Scientist – We have a stream crossing in the center of the Wiggin Property. This appeared to straddle two properties and since the assessment has been completed it's been determined that it does not. On this property we had a culvert blow out and then it was restored. This was not restored properly so we have a mitigation project on site that we can utilize. When we applied for the ARM grant we had to provide mitigation. We want all of the wildlife to be able to lie freely. I wanted to bring to you pictures of the structures that we would want to install that would provide what we want.

Dan Kern – One of the problems that we have that needs to be addressed is the cleanup of the dump site. The clean up traffic is estimated to be dump trucks.

Mark West – We would like to propose a log bridge or an open bottom structure. This open bottom structure is what the state is pushing toward. The advantage to the open bottom would be we have the material that would be required. We will need to prepare a wetlands application for this which will need everyone's approval. When all is said and done you will have a structure that will not fail during a flooding event. We did find 22 vernal pools with other unique habitats. With the ARM Grant they will be excepting conservation easements and restoration efforts to the property.

Phil Fitanides – You mentioned you designed for a storm event. What storm event did you plan for 100 or 500 year?

Mark West – I believe we planned a 50 to 100 year event.

Jim Walter – If you did the rustic plan would they be able to hold the trucks going over?

Mark West – We will not put it in if it cannot withstand the weight of the dump trucks for the cleanup project. All of the restoration projects and permits must be approved before we can do any work. I had to put together estimates and I estimated high so that we have options.

Dan Kern – How long will it take once we break ground?

Mark West – It depends on when we get started. But it really starts once you have your wetlands application is received from DES. I am just starting to get the ball rolling.

John Turbyne – Do your trash removal first and then do the restoration project.

Dan Kern – I wanted to have you guys talk to Bart to see what we can do up there. This is the Wiggin Property not the Reading. It is helpful to know that you are interested in the Rustic plan.

Dan Kern – I also wanted to have someone speak with the town as to what is required.

Jim Walter motioned to forward the summary for the restoration project on the Wiggin Property to the Town Administrator for further direction as to how to move forward. Phil Fitanides seconded. Voted unanimously

Vernal Pool Mapping – Bluemoon Environmental, Nancy Randell

Nancy Randell – Landowner permission someone needs to take ownership of this and we are not talking about a lot of parcels. I emailed them to Jodi and then I did not hear anything. I do not want you guys to think that I am in violation of my contract. I want to be able to present the project completely. I have close to 100 vernal pools documented. Four or five of the parcels were not in the clay pond project.

Jim Walter motioned to have Tim Johnson sign a letter asking for permission to enter on to property in connection with an environmental assessment in regards to vernal pools. David Ross seconded voted unanimously.

Nancy Randell – I have spent a lot of the extra time I have spent has been on the GIS photos.

Phil Fitanides – Would like a detailed reporting of all of the hours that have been put in to the project.

Nancy Randell – I would like to set a timeline as to the presentation of the project as a whole. I am requesting a working session. I would like to work together to put it together. I can just come in a draft report if that is what you like.

David Ross- I am just wondering how much help we would be.

John Turbyne – I would like to see what it is about. I would like to see a draft report before it goes to print.

Cindy Robertson – On other occasions have you had input from the other organizations on your presentation?

Nancy Randell – I have. It is up to you. I have gotten comments from the drop sites from other groups that I am doing presentations for. I am planning on doing a final presentation on the project and it will incorporate how I got all of my data along with all of the information I have gathered as a whole. It will also include samples. I can make recommendations to you in my report and it will be up to you to decide what you would like to do with them. I am also going out in the spring again and if any of you would like to go I would really enjoy showing it to you. The last thing I want to leave you with is that vernal pools are not active every year.

Martins Ferry Bridge Emergency Permit

Jim Walter motioned to approve letter of support to DES for the project with regards to the Expedited Review of the Wetland Standard Dredge and Fill Permit and another Emergency Permit with the revised plans dated Oct of 2009. David Ross seconded voted unanimously

12 Sunrise Blvd – Amended Permit Request

Jim Walter motioned to approve the changes to include three changes that reduce the original approval's environmental impacts and three impacts that remain the same. In essence, the proposed amendment seeks to reduce the impact area by two-thirds and the linear feet impact by one half. Additional stabilization is also being proposed for critical areas at each end of the project. David Ross seconded voted unanimously

Commission Reports:

1. **Open Space Subcommittee** – N/A
2. **Kiwanis Trails Initiative** – They are moving forward with the trials. On Saturday they had a march showing how the trails will connect into the surrounding communities.

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

1. **Invoices** –
2. **Budget 2010 – 2011** – Jim Walter motioned to approved the budget as presented David Ross seconded voted unanimously

Non Public – RSA 91-A: 3, II, d

Jim Walter motioned to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, d Phil Fitanides seconded vote unanimously

Jim Walter motioned to exit non-public John Turbyne seconded voted unanimously

Jim Walter Motion to keep the non-public minutes sealed David Ross seconded voted unanimously

Adjournment: Jim Walter motioned to adjourn at 9:00 pm David Ross seconded voted unanimously