

**Hooksett Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2011**

Call Meeting to Order: 7:02pm

Attendance: Tim Johnson, Frank Kotowski, Planning Board Rep, Phil Fitanides alternate, Steve Couture alternate, Cindy Robertson Member, Jim Walter Member, Todd Lizotte, TC Rep

Public Input:

Meeting Minutes: Jim Walter motioned to approve the minutes July 13, 2011, Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously.

Appointments:

1125 Hooksett Road – Jones & Beach Engineering – Wetlands Application

Wayne Morrill – I am here tonight on behalf of Circle T Car Wash. This site is the Old Depot Ice Cream Shop near the veterinary clinic. This pond was built at the same time they were building the ice cream shop in 1990. The culvert goes under the property and brings the water to the catch basin. Now over the years with the culvert not being maintained it is now considered a man made wetland. We would like to fill 723 square feet and redirect the water to an actual pond. It would then be cleaned and put back where it was originally supposed to go. It is really this rip rap swale here that we want to fill and repair. We have prepared our minimum wetland impact permit. I do have the new regulations that state we would be able to relocate this swale as it is manmade but we are a week early so we are applying for the permit. The three catch basins here will be leaching catch basins and it will then be released.

Phil Fitanides- How will you be treating all of the chemicals that will be washed away?

Wayne Morrill – There are catch basins inside the car wash that will be going into the holding tank underneath and we will be reusing the water after it has been treated to wash the undercarriage of the cars. There will be three holding tanks underneath. The water that will be washed on to the land will be only the water from the top of the vehicles. The water that is actually used in the car wash will go into the holding tanks underneath and be treated and reused strictly for the undercarriage of the vehicles.

Wayne Morrill – We will be able to control the water flow with using this retention pond. We have reduced the water velocity by a small amount.

Frank Kotowski – Will only surface water go into the retention pond?

Wayne Morrill– Yes. As per Planning Board regulations there is a certain amount of water that must go back into the site. This would be for any overflow from the leaching catch basins.

Steve Couture– Were all treatment options reviewed as there are some better treatment options.

Wayne Morrill– Yes but the site is so small and we wanted to use as much of the natural trees and resources that we could.

Jim Walter motioned to approve the application for the Conditional Use Permit and the Minimum Wetlands permit seconded by Steve Couture voted unanimously

Commission Reports:

- 1. Open Space Subcommittee** – Frank Kotowski - It was adopted by the Planning Board all this plan does is identify certain parcel of land that the town should look to conserving. It will be moving to the Town Council next.
- 2. Pinnacle Park & Quimby Mountain Park Planning** – The Pinnacle Park Committee is now working on the signage for where to enter the area. The only access will be from Pinnacle St.
- 3. Trail Plan for University Heights Conservation Land** – Steve Couture – While working on the 5K road race it has been discovered that the only connection with both the Carriage Hill open Space and University Heights open space is actually owned by the Carriage Hill Association. This is something that we are looking into. We would like permanent access.
- 4. LCHIP Grant Writing Workshop** – This is a workshop that someone will need to attend in order to apply for the LCHIP grant. Dave Hess will attend as a representative for the commission

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed

Other:

- 1. Elections** – Jim Walter motioned Tim Johnson Chair seconded by Cindy Robertson voted unanimously, Jim Walter motioned Steve Couture vice chair seconded by Cindy Robertson voted unanimously
- 2. Webster Woods Trail Easement** – Frank Kotowski -This easement has no access for dogs. Dave Hess – The dog issue is really up for grabs. In terms of the easement it goes into effect once the last house is built. This was raised and the reason for this is due to the easement going over construction areas that all people would have access. They felt this would not be there best interested. The effective date was either the last home or June 30, 2018. The residents who live in Webster Woods really want to see this happen. Steve Couture motioned to send Miacomet Development the additional changes that the conservation commission has agreed on Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously
- 3. Old Home Day**– Cindy Robertson motioned to allow Jim Walter to expend \$101 for the old Home Day give away Steve Couture seconded voted unanimously
- 4. EIA Regulation Draft** – Community Development recommends putting some rules in place for applicants to follow. Steve requested Stantec add something in regards to the flood plain and also to get some details in regards to ground water especially when they are putting wells in. Jim Walter motioned to have Steve continue to work with Stantec on refining the regulations Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously

Non-public under RSA 91-A: 3, II, d

Jim Walter motioned seconded by Steve Couture voted unanimously

Steve Couture motioned to exit non-public session Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously

Steve Couture motioned to approve \$5600 from the current use fund to complete appraisals for properties under consideration Jim Walter seconded voted unanimously

5K Run on Old Home Day – They are in the process of getting approvals and looking for volunteers. This will be a great event.

Adjournment –Jim Walter motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:42 pm Cindy Robertson seconded voted unanimously