

## **Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 3, 2009**

Members Present: Judy Ryerson, Paul Schmidt, Paul Stinson, Marie Samaha

Alternate Present: Bob Patenaude

Members Absent: Bob Clark

Natural Resources Sub-Committee Members Present: Peter Jensen, Nancy Wright

Others: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Lamprey, Daniel Merhalski, Jim Mayo, PSNH, Kevin Bemis, PSNH, John Anderson, Hollis Austin, Frank Nigro, Frank Nigro, Jr., Steven Maguire, John Botto

The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission convened at 7:05 pm on 8/3/2009 at the Moultonborough Town Offices.

The July 6 and 20, 2009, Meeting Minutes were approved with no corrections. The July 27, 2009, Meeting Minutes were approved with corrections to the footer notations, the date was changed to July 27 and the pages notation to 1 of 1.

### Daniel Merhalski, Moultonborough Town Planner

Judy Ryerson introduced the new Town Planner, Daniel Merhalski. Later in the meeting Mr. Merhalski commented on how he could support the Conservation Commission. Some examples are reviewing new studies or proposed ordinances and the application and administration of grants. Mr. Merhalski will attend any Conservation Committee meeting that he is invited to by members.

Paul Stinson inquired whether Dan Merhalski could investigate accessing wetlands mitigation funds for town projects. Dan said he would look into how the mitigation funds can be used and begin to compile a list of projects that may be able to use these funds.

### PSNH DES Application

Jim Mayo and Kevin Bemis of PSNH reviewed a DES application for moving PSNH poles and developing a driveway to access a pole in a wetlands area on Moultonborough Neck.

The Conservation Commission agreed to sign the application so it can go forward to the DES and recommended that PSNH refer the request to the Moultonborough Planning Board.

### Report on Proposed Ordinance Presentation

Peter Jensen reported on his presentation of three proposed ordinances – groundwater, stormwater management, and steep slopes – to the Planning Board Work Session on July 29, 2009. The Conservation Commission had recommended that these ordinances go forward to the Planning Board as a result of sub-committees' work on the Natural Resources section of the Moultonborough Master Plan.

The Planning Board deferred comments or changes until members had an opportunity to study the ordinances.

### Membership

The Conservation Commission signed and forwarded a letter to the Board of Selectmen endorsing Bob Patenaude's membership as an alternative member.

### DES Submission

- Ruby Lehman Living Trust, rebuilding a dock – The Conservation Commission signed the petition without comment.

### Milfoil

Nancy Wright reported on her investigation of milfoil eradication programs, including mapped milfoil sites, treatment plans for milfoil, and contacts with Amy Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator, NHDES. Nancy provided the Commission with links to the state's milfoil eradication programs.

Mr. Lamprey spoke on his efforts in the legislature to implement a program to eradicate milfoil. Representatives from two lake associations spoke on their efforts to deal with milfoil.

The Conservation Commission discussed its role in a milfoil eradication program. The Commission asked Nancy to invite Amy Smagula to the September 8, 2009, meeting to speak to the extent of the milfoil problem in Lake Winnepesaukee, what kind of efforts have been made to eradicate it and how to maintain a milfoil free lake.

Paul Stinson suggested, once the Commission has an understanding of the milfoil problem in Moultonborough, that the Conservation Commission develop a proposal stating the town's position on milfoil and, then, that proposal be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

### Playing Fields

Nancy Wright inquired about the new playing fields being constructed in a wetlands area. This discussion was tabled until another meeting.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Moultonborough Town Offices

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.