

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 9, 2009 5:30 PM

Members: Bob Clark, Paul Schmidt, Judy Ryerson and Paul Stinson

Public: Herb Farnham, Nancy Wright, Peter Jensen, Jim Gove and David McLean.

The meeting time was moved to 5:30 so that it could be completed by 7 p.m. when the Town's Budget Meeting was scheduled to begin.

The first portion of the meeting was discussion with the Subcommittee for Master Plan Implementation: Water & Natural Resources and members Nancy Wright, Herb Farnham and Peter Jensen participated with Bob Clark leading the discussion. Consultants Jim Gove and David McLean attended to assist with discussions of potential ordinances for protection of drinking water.

David McLean of GeoInsight, an environmental strategy & engineering firm, assisted the Subcommittee by explaining a model ordinance for regulating land uses which could potentially contribute pollutants of designated wells and/or aquifers. This model ordinance is available on the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) website.

Paul Stinson informed the meeting about what he learned from his discussions with a local water testing firm.

Following an interesting and vigorous discussion, the Conservation Committee decided to move forward with the model ordinance, developing it for consideration by the Planning Board as a warrant article for the 2010 Town Meeting. Bob Clark and the Water & Natural Resources Subcommittee will lead this development effort. The members thanked Mr. Gove and Mr. McLean for their very helpful participation.

Paul Schmidt informed the members of what he has learned about the Conservation Committee's webpage on Town's website. Currently the webpage is essentially empty. He had a number of suggestions as to what to be included, such as meeting minutes, statements of goals and vision, projects the Commission is working on, etc. He agreed to produce some drafts for consideration at the next meeting. Paul Stinson agreed to ask the Town Administrator, Carter Terenzini, for assistance with administration of the Commission's webpage.

Our review of a minor subdivision application to the Planning Board, on Eagle Shores Road to be heard by the Planning Board on 11/25/09, generated the comments that the application did not appear to consider the applicability of the Town's new wetlands protection ordinance as it did not show a 50' building setback from wetlands. Discussion of whether the wetland was large enough to trigger the protection. Comment made to Planning Board about wetland setback.

Applications to DES for wetlands impact were reviewed. All seemed in order and the Con Com sent no comments to DES. Two minimum impact applications had previously been signed by Commission members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in the Land Use Office.