

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 11, 2010

Members Present: Marie Samaha, Bob Clark, Judy Ryerson, Paul Stinson

Members Absent: Paul Schmidt

Alternate Present: Bob Patenaude

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

Others present: Bill Gassman, Jim Lieterman

The Conservation Committee Convened at 7:00 in the Moultonborough Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the December 7, 2009, meeting was accepted with an addition. Information from the Heritage Commission letter was added to the minutes.

Review of Applications and Correspondence

Marie Samaha and Bob Patenaude reported on applications sent to the Conservation Commission and letters of notification regarding permits from the state. Of note:

- Minimum Impact Expedited
118/25, C. Bennett, dock reconstruction. The application was not signed and as the applicant was restoring pilings and the DES may want the applicant to fill out a Dredge and Fill form.
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263/77, Kmito, dock renovation with the addition of concrete pads. The application was not signed as the addition of concrete pads may need a Shoreland Permit.

Membership

Paul Stinson looked into the terms of Paul Schmidt, Judy Ryerson, and Bob Clark. Paul contacted the Town Manager to request that the Selectmen reappoint Paul, Judy, and Bob and that they appoint Bill Gassman as an alternate to the commission at their January 21, 2010, meeting.

Master Plan Role and Responsibilities

Dan Merhalski was unable to attend the meeting to lead a discussion of the role and responsibilities of the Conservation Commission in the implementation of the Master Plan. Dan is scheduled to attend the February meeting.

Status of Three Ordinances

Cristina Ashjian reported that there will be a public hearing on the Stormwater, Steep Slopes, and Ground Water Ordinances on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 5:00 at the town offices. These three have been approved by the Planning Board.

Correspondence from the Moultonborough Heritage Commission

Cristina Ashjian read a letter from the Heritage Commission that stated the Commission is interested in working with other town commissions and committees in implementing the town Master Plan.

There was a question as to when an application coming before the Conservation Commission would be of interest to the Heritage Commission. A decision was made to ask Dan Merhalski, Town Planner, if a project had some historic or cultural significance and, if so, that the application be forwarded to the Heritage Commission.

Wetlands Mitigation Projects

Paul Stinson provided members with 3 handouts that addressed topics related to conservation easements. A discussion ensued regarding the availability of monies and sites of interest to the Conservation Commission. Some areas of financial resources are the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund and the Land Use Change Tax. At this time the Land Use Change Tax goes into the town general fund.

Bob Clark asked Paul Stinson to make and prioritize a list of conservation projects that would be of interest to the Conservation Commission.

Land Use Change Tax

Bob Clarke asked Paul Stinson and Bob Patenaude to review an old proposal recommending that the Land Use Change Tax go into a conservation fund. Once Paul and Bob review and make any changes to the old proposal, Bob Clark will take an updated request to the Selectmen for their consideration.

ARM Funding Project

There was no updated information on a grant that Dan Merhalski was writing to the state requesting \$20,000 of ARM funds for the Shannon Brook E-coli identification study. Conservation Commission wants to limit our 'matching funds' to \$5000 at this time.

Rewarding Landowners for Conservation/Open Space

Tabled until a future meeting.

Phosphates/Nitrates/Chemical Prevention in Lakes/Ponds/Streams

Tabled until a future meeting.

Wildlife Preservation

Bob Clarke reported that he had been in contact with Carol Foss and asked her to do a presentation on wildlife corridors. He will ask her to present at the February 1 meeting.

Marie Samaha reported she had been in contact with Lindsay Webb of the NH Fish and Game about NH's Wildlife Action Plan. Lindsay said she could do a presentation that focused on the plan, how to identify animal habitats, and the next steps to take action for wildlife. Marie will look into setting up a program in March.

Milfoil Committee Update

Bob Clark presented a public informational piece that the Milfoil Committee would like to place on the Conservation Commission website. Members discussed the information contained in the document and made suggestions as to format and content. The Conservation Commission voted that some form of the piece be placed on the website and that the piece indicate that it is from the Milfoil Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Moultonborough Town Hall.