

# **Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

## **February 1, 2010**

Members Present: Marie Samaha, Bob Clark, Judy Ryerson, Paul Stinson, Paul Schmidt  
Alternate Present: Bob Patenaude  
Natural Resources Sub-Committee Members Present: Cristina Ashjian, Peter Jensen, Nancy Wright, Herb Farnham  
Others present: Dan Merhalski, Hollis Austin, Joe Sullo, Tom Howard, Al Hume

The Conservation Committee Convened at 7:03 in the Moultonborough Town Hall

### Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 11, 2010, meeting was accepted with the following corrections. The topic Conservation Easements was changed to Wetlands Mitigation Project and another topic was added, Land Use Change Tax, to head the section pertaining to this tax.

### Master Plan Role and Responsibilities

Dan Merhalski, town planner, spoke on the responsibilities of the Conservation Commission in the implementation of the Master Plan. Dan reviewed the Conservation Commission's priorities and the process that the working group will use to implement the master plan. Dan reported that the working group for the implementation of the master plan had not yet met.

### Wildlife Preservation

Marie Samaha passed out a draft of the information about the upcoming Take Action for Wildlife presentation that will be held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the Moultonborough Library.

### Red Hill Outing Club

Dan Merhalski informed the Commission that Mr. Hammond had approached the selectmen with a proposal that the town purchase the rite of reversion that he has with the Red Hill Outing Club. Dan asked whether the Conservation Commission might be interested in using its funds to purchase it. Members agreed that the Commission would consider it. Bob Clark asked Paul Stinson to look into it.

### Status of Three Ordinances

Bob Clark reported that the Planning Board forwarded the Stormwater and Groundwater Protection Ordinances to be voted on by the community. The Steep Slopes Ordinance was not forwarded.

Members agreed to organize a presentation on the Stormwater and Groundwater Protection Ordinances to inform voters and gain their support. The presentation will be on Tuesday,

February 23, 2010, at 7:00 at the Moultonborough Life Safety Building. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, if it needs to be cancelled due to bad weather. Dan Merhalski will present the information, Bob Clark will write a letter to the editor about the ordinances, and Marie Samaha will develop fliers promoting the meeting.

#### Natural Resources Sub-Committee Disbanded

Bob Clark recommended that the Conservation Commission disband the Natural Resources sub-committee that worked on the three water ordinances. The Commission agreed. Herb Farnham, Nancy Wright, Cristina Ashjian, Peter Jensen, and Marie Samaha, members of the sub-committee, were thanked for their time and efforts in bringing forward the three water ordinances.

#### Wetlands Mitigation Projects

Paul Stinson reported that he had contacted the Meredith Conservation Commission to ask about its process for developing a list of sites of interest. Meredith has not yet done this.

#### Land Use Change Tax

Paul Stinson reported that the Meredith Conservation Commission receives the first \$50,000 of Land use Tax collected by the town. Bob Clark proposed that the Moultonborough Conservation Commission prepare a plan to request funding through the Land Use Tax for the year 2011.

#### Presentation by Tom Howard

Tom Howard presented information about his business, NH Conservation Real Estate. He stated that his focus is to offer assistance to advocate for conservation issues, act as a resource in acquiring easements, and to present informational workshops about conservation easements.

#### Membership

At their January 21, 2010, meeting the Board of Selectmen re-confirmed that the Conservation Commission would be made up of 5 members with up to 5 alternates. If the Conservation Commission requires additional alternates, it may return to the Board of Selectmen with this request.

The Conservation Commission agreed to the following membership terms. All terms will run for 3 years and begin and end in March of the designated year.

| Member        | End of Term |
|---------------|-------------|
| Judy Ryerson  | 2011        |
| Paul Schmidt  | 2012        |
| Bob Clark     | 2013        |
| Marie Samaha  | 2012        |
| Paul Stinson  | 2010        |
| Bob Patenaude | 2012        |

The board of Selectmen would like to interview Bill Gassman before confirming him as an alternate.

Permits/Applications/Correspondence

- Spot Pond Development

Signed with the comment: as long as town wetland setbacks of 50 feet are honored the Conservation Commission has no comment on the sub-division.

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

- Permit By Notification

- 278/1 – repair of breakwater was signed
- 175/14 – repair of retaining wall was signed

- Dredge and Fill

183/001 – put in culverts in order to log the land, Signed with the comment that the owner will need to submit a site plan if the land is subdivided.

Milfoil Committee Report

Peter Jensen reported that the committee had submitted the list of the first 100 signatures in support of the warrant article to fund milfoil abatement.

Peter requested that the Conservation Commission vote to change the membership of the Milfoil Committee. He stated that the committee had difficulty raising a quorum for some meetings and recommended that some members be removed and then reinstated when they were able to attend meetings. The Conservation Commission voted in favor of this recommendation.

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

Bob Patenaude shared information on phosphates he acquired at a recent workshop put on by the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Management Plan.

Bob Clark stated this year he would like the Conservation Commission to address the problem of phosphates in our waters. He shared a pamphlet on phosphates that will go out to all Moultonborough lake front owners regarding phosphates and milfoil and asking voters to support the water ordinances and funds for milfoil.

Nancy Wright shared information about a local community collecting unwanted medications.

March Agenda

Marie Samaha requested that the Conservation Commission website be on the next agenda.

Rewarding Landowners for Conservation/Open Space

Tabled until a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38.

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

A special meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held on February 23, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the Moultonborough Life Safety Building to inform voters about the proposed Water Ordinances.