

# **Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes April 5, 2010**

Members Present: Marie Samaha, Bob Clark, Paul Schmidt  
Members Absent: Judy Ryerson, Paul Stinson,  
Alternate Present: Bob Patenaude, Bill Gassman  
Others present: Cristina Ashjian, Nancy Wright, Peter Jensen

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

## Meeting Minutes

The minutes from March 1, 2010, meeting were accepted with no corrections.

## Permits/Applications/Correspondence

Members received a list of correspondence from the DES and reviewed the following applications.

1. Minimum Impact Expedited Application  
160/21 – Adams, signed by Bob Patenaude  
291/43 – R. Goldberg, dock replacement, signed by Bob Clark
2. Permit By Notification  
195/15 – K. Wolcott Revocable Trust, replace retaining wall, signed by Bob Clark
3. Planning Board  
Oliver addition  
Comments: The addition is within the 20' sideline setback. Question whether the Stormwater Management Plan compensates for the apparent 27.3% impervious cover.

Bob Clark asked that Judy Ryerson, Bob Patenaude, and Marie Samaha develop a procedure for handling permits and applications that come to the Conservation Commission.

## Wetlands/Abatement

Paul Stinson was not present to report on this project. Bob Clark will ask Paul to provide the Commission with a written update of his progress. As Paul's term on the Commission is up in July, Bob Clark will ask him if he would continue as an alternate.

## Land Use Change Tax/Conservation Easements/Saving Special Places/LCHIP

Bob Patenaude reported that he had attended a workshop on Land Use Tax and talked with members of other Commissions about this topic. He said the Gilford Conservation Commission receives 100% of the tax and Meredith receives the first \$50,000. There was a discussion about

the percentage that this Commission should request. Bob Clark suggested that the Commission request 100% of the tax. Last year the town collected \$1300 in Land Use Taxes.

Bob Patenaude explained how the tax worked.

Bob Clark asked Bill Gassman to also work on a request to the Selectmen to allocate this tax to the Conservation Commission.

LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) is an independent state authority that makes matching grants to NH communities and non-profits to conserve and preserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural and historic resources. New grants will be due August 20<sup>th</sup>. If we consider writing a grant a Commission member would have to attend a June 16<sup>th</sup> writing workshop

### Milfoil

Peter Jensen reported that the voters approved the funds for the milfoil project and now the committee was setting up the Weed Watchers and Lake Host Programs.

### Wildlife Preservation

Bob Clark is looking for someone to be responsible for implementing the Master Plan in regard to Wildlife. Marie may be interested in doing this.

### Phosphates/Nitrates/Chemicals Prevention in Lakes/Ponds/Rivers, Streams

Bob Clark combined this agenda item with the next one, Rewarding land Owners for Conservation/Open Space/Watershed Stewardship Pilot. Bob is interested in producing a brochure, "Don't Feed the Weed," that would address how chemicals support milfoil growth. He spoke with Jason Teutsch, from the DES. And the department would print the brochure for \$10,000 to \$20,000. Bob suggested that the money could come from the Milfoil Project. Members suggested that other towns be asked to help with printing the brochure, resulting in a lower cost for Moultonborough. Peter Jensen was hesitant about using the Milfoil Project monies for the brochure. Bob said that he would invite Mr. Teutsch to speak at a Milfoil Committee Meeting. Members suggested that the information about chemicals supporting milfoil growth could be included in the spring tax bill letter from the town.

Bob had spoken with DES representatives about a watershed stewardship program that was active in past years. The program gave out plaques to those who support good stewardship of waterfront properties.

### Steep Slopes Ordinance

Bob Clark will contact Dan Merhalski, Town Planner, to ask him to draft an amended ordinance for 2011 using the feedback from the public hearings.

### Primary Wetlands Designation

Paul Schmidt will work with Dan Merhalski to identify some wetlands as Primary Wetlands.

## Organization of Conservation Commission

The Commission decided that future membership terms will run from March to March. Commission membership will change during this year as Paul Stinson's term is up in July and Judy Ryerson may not fill out her term (ending in March of 2011.) If appointed, Peter Jensen agreed to accept membership on the Commission as the Planning Board representative.

Bob Clark was elected chairperson for 2010-2011 and Marie Samaha, secretary.

## Goals for 2010-2011

The Commission discussed goals for the coming year. Members commented that there were a number of goals and questioned whether the committee could accomplish all of them. The following goals were suggested and will be refined at the May meeting.

- Wetlands Goals
  - Identify and secure funds for a Wetlands Mitigation Project – Paul Stinson
  - Designate Primary Wetlands and write an article for inclusion on the 2011 warrant – Paul Schmidt
- Funding Goals
  - Designate the Land Use Tax be allocated to the Conservation Commission – Bob Patenaude, Bill Gassman
  - Create a Conservation Commission account – Bob Clark
- Master Plan Implementation Goals
  - Prepare a Steep Slopes Ordinance for the 2011 town warrant – Dan Merhalski
  - Protect wildlife through zoning, habitat impacts, and identifying and acquiring easements – perhaps Marie Samaha
- Education Goals
  - Provide citizens with information about the negative effect that landscaping chemicals have on our lakes. – Bob Clark
  - Promote Watershed Stewardship through a rewards program. – Bob Clark

## Budget

Marie spoke with Carter Terrizini who said that Conservation Commission monies were within the Developmental Services Budget. Some of items are \$500 for services, \$450 for training, \$125 for travel/mileage, \$600 for special investigative services, \$600 for other, and \$200 for consumables. (Since the meeting Dan Merhalski sent the Commission a budget memo listing amounts/item.)

Bob Clark will meet with Dan to look into the budget as members thought the Commission had \$20,000 in a Conservation account. The Commission would like to establish its own account.

## New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

Marie reported on the NHACC and asked if this group would like to join. Cost for a year's membership is \$461. The members agreed.

### Non-Public

The Commission went into non-public session at 9:15 to discuss personnel. The Commission came out of non-public session at 9:28. The Commission continued its meeting.

### Planning Board Applications

Oliver project – see above.

The Commission also reviewed in error two projects that go to the Zoning Board. The Commission addresses questions of site not use.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be Monday, May 3, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Moultonborough Town Hall.