

## **Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes May 3, 2010**

Members Present: Marie Samaha, Bob Clark, Paul Schmidt, Paul Stinson

Members Absent: Judy Ryerson

Alternate Present: Bob Patenaude, Bill Gassman

Others present: Nancy Wright, Peter Jensen

The Conservation Committee convened at 7:06 in the Moultonborough Town Hall

### Meeting Minutes

The minutes from April 5, 2010, meeting were accepted with no corrections.

### Wetlands/Abatement

Paul Stinson introduced Greg Howard, Soil and Wetland Scientist from North Country Soil Services, to speak to the Conservation Commission about authoring a Request for Proposal for Wetlands Restoration Projects. Mr. Howard said he could prepare an inventory of mitigation projects in Moultonborough to be available to developers. Possible projects are culverts, degraded wetlands, and stormwater discharging areas. Mr. Howard will return to the June meeting with a draft proposal.

Members agreed that funds for the RFP be taken from the Investigative Services line of the Conservation Commission Municipal Budget.

### Budget

Members reviewed the Municipal Budget for the Conservation Commission prepared by Dan Merhalski. There was a discussion to investigate the Conservation Fund to determine the amount in the fund and how it could be used. Paul Stinson recommended that in the coming year the Conservation Commission be active participants in developing the Commission's budget.

### Land Use Change Tax

Bob Patenaude shared materials about Land Use Change Tax and the amounts of Land Use Tax collected in Moultonborough over the past 7 years. Bob Clark suggested that the Conservation Commission make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen to allocate this tax to the Conservation Commission.

Bob Patenaude and Bill Gassman will put together some informational pieces on Land Use Change Tax and present them at the June Conservation Commission meeting.

### Milfoil

Peter Jensen reported on the progress of the Milfoil Committee.

- Information about the Milfoil Committee will be added to the June town newsletter.

- The Selectmen approved to support a warrant article to fund and replenish the Milfoil Control Trust Fund and to send out payment commitment letters to six associations.
- A multi-town DASH initiative (including Moultonborough) has submitted a grant to the NH Lakes Association to purchase equipment to control milfoil. The organization received the grant for the project.

#### Wildlife Preservation

Marie Samaha will take on this project.

#### Phosphates/Nitrates/Chemicals Prevention in Lakes/Ponds/Rivers, Streams and Rewarding Land Owners for Conservation/Open Space Watershed Stewardship Program

Bob Clark said he would like to combine these two agenda items. Bob had no report on the Phosphates.

Bob had attended a meeting of the Gilford Conservation Commission to discuss the Rewarding Land Owners project. Four towns are needed to fund the \$10,000 required for a rewards program

#### Steep Slopes Ordinance

Dan Merhalski, Town Planner, will draft an amended ordinance for 2011 using the feedback from the public hearings.

#### Prime Wetlands Designation

Paul Schmidt commented that a previous Conservation Commission had selected 3 areas for the designation of Prime Wetlands. Paul will look into which areas they had earmarked.

#### Membership

Judy Ryerson sent a letter of resignation. Bob Clark will ask her when she planned to resign from the Commission. Peter Jensen will submit a letter of application to the Commission.

#### Permits/Applications/Correspondence

Members reviewed the following application.

##### Minimum Impact Expedited Application

188/24, R. Legocki, 100 Wyman Trail

Replace a dock

Bill Gassman will visit the property to take a look at the project and get back to Marie with his comments.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05.

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