

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 7, 2010

Members Present: Marie Samaha, Paul Stinson, Judy Ryerson

Members Absent: Paul Schmidt, Bob Clark

Alternate Present: Bob Patenaude, Bill Gassman

Others present: Nancy Wright, Peter Jensen, Cristina Ashjian, James Leiterman, Greg Howard, Herb Farnham, Joanne Farnham, Hollis Austin, Dan Merhalski

The Conservation Committee convened at 7:05 in the Moultonborough Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from May 3, 2010, meeting were accepted with no corrections.

Wildlife Preservation

Marie Samaha reported she had contacted the state about writing an ordinance and was waiting for a reply.

Permits/Applications/Correspondence

Members reviewed a record of the correspondence and applications that were reviewed by Bob Patenaude and Marie Samaha during the month of May.

Pepper Mill Deli – Bob and Marie will review the site.

Holland Hill Development – If the lots can be addressed as listed on the plans, the Conservation Commission had no comments.

Wetlands/Abatement

Greg Howard returned with a draft of the Request for Proposal/Qualifications: Wetlands Restoration and Mitigation Inventory. There was a lengthy discussion about the parameters needed to identify a list of projects. Greg will return in July with a second draft.

Land Use Change Tax

Bill Gassman reviewed information he had developed to present to the Board of Selectmen concerning appropriating the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Commission. Members discussed the amount to request and arguments for and against appropriating the tax.

Bill asked that members email him comments on his talking points and information about projects that would benefit from the funding. The Commission's goal is to present this proposal to the BoS in August.

Membership

Conservation Commission

Bob Clark resigned from the Conservation Commission, necessitating the election of a new chairperson and appointment of another regular member. Judy nominated Marie Samaha to be chairperson and Paul Stinson seconded it. All agreed. Marie Samaha nominated Judy Ryerson to be secretary and Bob Patenaude seconded it. All agreed. Judy said she would be secretary until the October meeting.

Judy Ryerson had sent a letter of resignation, but agreed to stay on the Conservation Commission until the fall.

Marie Samaha proposed that Bob Patenaude become a regular member of the Conservation Commission and will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen endorsing this. Bob agreed and will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that he become a regular member.

Paul Stinson's term on the conservation Commission ends in July 2010. Marie Samaha proposed that Paul become an alternate member and will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen endorsing this. Paul will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Jensen said he would wait until Judy leaves before submitting a letter to the BoS requesting appointment to the Conservation Commission.

Herb Farnham's application was given to Carter, Terezini. Herb will write a letter to the BoS requesting appointment to the Conservation Commission as an alternate.

Milfoil Committee

Peter Jensen reported that Herb and Joanne Farnham and Steve Maguire resigned from the Milfoil Committee. He requested that the Conservation commission appoint Paul Ardito, Ginny Gassman, and Susan Connolly to the Milfoil Committee. Members were in favor of the appointments.

Milfoil Committee Update

Peter Jensen reviewed the progress of the project. Detailed information is included in minutes of the Milfoil Committee.

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

Bill Gassman said he would research information concerning phosphates in Lake Winnispausaukee.

Steep Slopes Ordinance

Dan Merhalski, Town Planner, will provide the Conservation Commission with an amended draft of the ordinance for the July meeting. Dan will include comments made by citizens at the hearing held on the ordinance.

Prime Wetlands Designation

Paul Schmidt and Dan Merhalski met to discuss Prime Wetlands Designation. Dan contacted the state to determine if Moultonborough's NRI has enough scientific backing to use as a reference for reviewing wetlands for prime designation.

Budget

The Conservation Commission Fund has a balance of \$24,361.13 and the operating budget has a balance of \$1829. Within the operating budget the consumables line has a balance of \$5 and NHACC line has a balance of \$49. There are still funds in the seminars, travel, monitoring, lab and investigative services lines.

By-Laws for the Conservation Commission

Paul Stinson volunteered to work on by-laws.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be Monday, July 5, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Moultonborough Town Hall.