

## **Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 7, 2010**

**Members Present: Marie Samaha, Chairman, Bob Patenaude, Judy Ryerson,  
Bill Gassman**

**Members Absent: Paul Schmidt**

**Alternates present: Paul Stinson, Herb Farnham**

**Others present: Nancy Wright**

The Conservation Committee convened at 7:00 in the Moultonborough Town Hall. Marie appointed Paul Stinson, alternate, to sit in place of Paul Schmidt with full voting privileges.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of August 2, 2010, were unanimously approved as written.

### **Land Use Change Tax Proposal—Bill**

Bill reported on the results of the visit to the Selectmen, at the Sept 2 BoS meeting. Marie had introduced Bill, and Bill made the presentation, asking that the BoS include an article in the warrant for 2011 authorizing that 50% of the Land Use Change Tax money, with a cap of \$20,000, be given to the Conservation Committee for its conservation fund. Marie and Judy were also there. Bill said that the Board had no questions, and few comments. The request has been placed in the “Budget Folder” for consideration in November. Judy pointed out that both Joel Mudgett and Karel Crawford said at the meeting that they were not opposed to this.

The three members also reported that Bob Clark was also in the audience for the meeting, and that he advocated that Con Com should be given 100% of the money since the penalty represented land coming out of Current Use—usually Conservation—and therefore the money should be used to buy conservation land to make up for the loss.

### **Wetlands Restoration and Mitigation Inventory—Paul Stinson**

Paul said he had nothing to present because he has not finalized the specs, and is not sure where we are on this. He is waiting for a meeting with Dan and Carter to discuss an RFP, Carter, apparently, needs to write that, although we will provide the specs. Marie said we have not yet received any bill from Greg Howard for his work so far.

### **Permit/Applications/Correspondence—Marie**

Marie and Bob meet weekly to review permits, etc. Marie handed out a sheet showing the types of applications reviewed, permits granted, and correspondence received relative to work in jurisdictional wetlands or other projects Con Com is asked to comment upon. Marie mentioned specifically a couple of applications/permits that were of special interest, but there were no major concerns. The handout is included as part of these minutes.

The Commission reviewed a site plan review application from Peppermill to come before the Planning Board on September 22. The Commission had seen this site plan before, had had no comment at that time, and seeing that there appeared to be no drainage or wetlands issues, had no further comment.

### **Milfoil Committee—Peter Jensen, Chairman**

Peter was not at the meeting so no report was given. Nancy Wright, who has been involved with the Committee, said that the Lake Host program was a success and only

wished that they had been able to involve more students from Moultonborough schools. They apparently had contacted the school before summer recess, but had not positive result.

**Steep Slopes—Paul Stinson**

The revised ordinance has been sent to Dan, with comments, and asked for it to be put on the Planning Board agenda for the October work session.

**2020-2011 Budget—Marie**

The Commission went over the various lines in our operating budget. The Commission decided to ask that water monitoring and lab tests be combined into one item, and having it be \$600 (currently the two equal \$600). The Commission also said they would like a line for Education in the amount of \$200. The rest should stay as it was for this past year.

**By-Laws for Conservation Commission—Paul Stinson**

Paul presented draft By-Laws, totaling nearly 5 pages, which he adapted from those of Windham NH. The Commissioners will review this document and discuss possible changes at the next meeting. Judy Ryerson said that her concern, even before getting into details, was that it was too long, too detailed and perhaps too restrictive. The RSAs governing the work of Con Com, under which we have always worked without separate by-laws, are minimal and it was her feeling that our by-laws should not go much beyond setting down some procedural items. If, through lack of thorough familiarity with our own document, we should violate them, we could make unnecessary problems for ourselves.

**Water Quality—Bill Gassman**

Bill said that the satellite made two more passes and finally got a good day, but there was a problem with the satellite readings. He presented two satellite generated phosphorus mappings from the same day, which were different and each flawed, but gave a general picture. However, the readings given were very confusing, were hard to correlate with Bill's own samples and lead to questions about what we would be able to learn from this information even if it were good. The Commission discussed possibly getting someone in to talk to us about the whole issue of phosphorus levels in the lake. Bill said the State will soon be breaking Lake Winnepesaukee into smaller jurisdictional sections, perhaps 10. They are acknowledging that some parts of the lake have naturally higher phosphorus levels. We should be able to compare our changes to our own baseline data, not to that of the entire lake.

Discussion of the LRPC EPA grant on further phosphorus testing and our possible involvement followed. Bill mentioned that we might be asked to contribute to the cost of this effort. The Commission felt that we should move cautiously here because we could not commit the town to something that would have a cost and we would not want to significantly deplete our own fund.

**NH Envirothon—Marie.**

The Moultonborough school system has asking that we financially support the school's participation in this program (information included as part of these minutes.) Marie suggested that we donate \$100 from our discretionary fund toward that program. The Commission took that under advisement and will make a decision at a future meeting. We discussed other ways of getting involved with the school students.

**Next Meeting: October 4, 2010 at 7 PM, at Town Hall.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13.