

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 4, 2010

Members Present: Marie Samaha, Chairman, Bob Patenaude, Judy Ryerson, Bill Gassman, Paul Schmidt
Alternates present: Herb Farnham
Others present: Nancy Wright

The Conservation Committee convened at 7:00 in the Moultonborough Town Hall. Marie explained that alternate Paul Stinson was absent for the evening.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2010 were amended to correct a date error then unanimously approved as amended.

Wetlands Restoration and Mitigation Inventory—Paul Stinson

Marie presented a bill from Greg Howard for his work so far. The Board voted to approve payment of the bill from our consultant line item. Bill Gassman pointed out that we are already behind schedule for the RFP, some concern about payment obligation, but the board voted to proceed forward through Carter T.

Permit/Applications/Correspondence—Marie

Marie handed out her 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 and no comments made at the meeting. The handout is included as part of these minutes. The Commission reviewed a site plan review application from Roundabout Now to come before the Planning Board on October 13. The Commission looked at the posted plat for any wetlands or drainage issues. Bill Gassman wondered if drainage from the site flowed into Mud Pond. Looking at our Natural Resource Inventory maps we determined that it is in that watershed, but that it was a long way, and across a road, from that major wetland. The Con Com comment written by Bob Patenaude: “The project should comply with the new stormwater management ordinance.” The board also noted that the site was not over a mapped aquifer so that the groundwater protection ordinance was not triggered. The Commission also agreed to keep copies of our comments in our files, as sometimes projects come back to us again and it would be good to know what we’d said before.

Membership—Marie

Judy Ryerson submitted a letter of resignation; she said she would be submitting a letter to the Selectmen the next day. She will complete her duties this week, ie, prepare and submit the minutes of this meeting, and after this will no longer be a member. Marie will draft a letter asking the BoS to name Herb Farnham as a permanent member. This will leave the Commission with one alternate, Paul Stinson, and no representative on the Planning Board. There was discussion about trying to recruit someone who would apply to be an alternate—perhaps Peter Jensen who is already the Chair of the Milfoil Committee and already on the Planning Board. Marie said she might mention this to him. Nancy Wright asked if there weren’t already people who have volunteered to be members. Marie said she didn’t know of any, but it was mentioned that Carter has a file of potential volunteers and might have someone to offer. She will pursue this.

With Judy's resignation the Commission also needs a Secretary. Bob Patenaude offered to be the new secretary.

Marie also noted that in Judy's letter of resignation she said that she might be willing to serve as a volunteer or on committees that the Commission might form.

Milfoil Committee—Peter Jensen, Chairman

Peter was not at the meeting so no report was given. Nancy Wright is associated with that Committee and Bill Gassman's wife, Ginny, is the committee secretary. They reported that, with the exception of a section of shoreline that was excluded because of the objection of three landowners, the area slated for treatment was successfully treated.

Steep Slopes—Marie

Marie reported that she attended the Planning Board's Work Session on September 29 and asked the Planning Board to consider accepting the revised Steep Slopes ordinance and slate it for public hearing. She reported that the Board voted unanimously (after some discussion to convince one member opposed to it) to approve the new proposed ordinance and schedule it for Public Hearings in January.

Conservation Lands in Moultonborough—Marie, Bob

Marie has been looking into the status of Conservation lands in Moultonborough. She wants to know what lands the Town owns and has a conservation responsibility for and she wants the Conservation Commission to also know what monitoring obligations we might have for other conserved land in town. She has visited the SLCS (Squam Lake Conservation Society), which owns several parcels in Moultonborough (mostly in the Squam Lake watershed) and has back up easements on other conserved lands. She will schedule a meeting with Lakes Region Conservations Trust (LRCT.). She hopes eventually to have a current list of all land in Moultonborough that is legally in conservation.

By-Laws for Conservation Commission—Paul Stinson

The Commission had looked briefly at a proposed set of By-laws at the end of the last meeting and the gut reaction was that they were more complicated and detailed than this Commission wanted. Marie presented another option having re-worked a set of By-laws adopted by the Heritage Commission. She had also sent them to the Association of Conservation Commissions for comment. The Commission went over the new draft by-laws, made some changes and asked Marie to make those changes and bring it to the Commission at the next meeting for approval.

Water Quality—Bill Gassman

Bill had a couple of disappointing reports. The latest satellite passes, trying to read phosphorus levels from overhead, were better but still not anything he felt we could rely upon and he would not *yet* recommend going forward with this project.

He also reported that we did not get an LRPC EPA grant on further phosphorus testing. Center Harbor did, probably because they were in earlier.

NH Envirothon—Marie.

Further discussion of this program that the Commission discussed last week. Bill Gassman moved that the Commission donate \$100 to the Moultonborough Academy NH Envirothon. ~~them~~, Judy seconded, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: November 1, 2010 at 7 PM, at Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38.