

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, Nov 1, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Members present: Marie Samaha, Chairman, Bob Patenaude, Bill Gassman, Herb Farnham.

Members absent: Paul Schmidt

Alternate absent: Paul Stinson

Others present: Judy Ryerson

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Per the agenda, the following was discussed.

WETLANDS RESTORATION AND MITIGATION INVENTORY

Paul Stinson, who is the driving force for this project was absent. The Con. Comm. would like to proceed, but has decided to wait for Paul to return before going forward.

PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS:

Marie presented the list of applications that were reviewed by her and Bob during the last month, and commented on some of the oddities in the applications; specifically a wetlands issue on Greyhound St., where the house was built on wetlands, and the owner wanted to divert drainage to another area of his property.

MEMBERSHIP:

Marie noted that Judy's resignation was accepted by the BOS, and that Herb was appointed as a regular member.

Marie contacted the Town Administrator to discuss his file of potential new members. She will meet with him and review who is interested in becoming a Con Com member.

MILFOIL:

It was mentioned that the Milfoil Committee has been meeting regularly; however, Peter Jensen was absent: therefore, there was no further discussion on the subject.

CONSERVATION LANDS IN MOULTONBOROUGH:

Marie mentioned that she hasn't contacted the Lakes Region Conservation Trust yet to determine if the Con. Comm. is responsible for any lands in Moultonborough.

BY LAWS FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION;

Marie read the revisions that were suggested at the last meeting in Oct.

Some questions arose about the correct RSA's. Marie will check with the NHACC.

The membership will vote on acceptance at our next meeting.

Copies will be given to the Town Clerk and BOS.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE:

Bill Gassman reviewed the latest data on his tests of Phosphorus levels in Lake Winnepesaukee, comparing data from July , Aug and Oct.. Numbers appear to be inconclusive; however, the Lee's Mills and Green Basin areas continue to show highest levels. Bill stated that data collecting is done for this year.

Bill mentioned that he would like the Con. Comm. to promote an education program (in time for the tourist season) on the causes of high phosphorus levels. i.e. Fertilizer, septic system failure, and storm water runoff. Marie mentioned maybe we should just concentrate on the two worse areas when collecting future data. Membership agreed that educating the public is top priority.

Bill submitted an invoice of \$2900.00 from Blue Water Software, the satellite company he has been working with; however, he recommended we initially pay only \$2000.00., and noted we will also have to pay approx. \$500.00 to UNH for their testing expenses. Marie said she would add these expenditures in next year's budget.

NH ENVIROTHON /WORKSHOPS:

A donation of \$100.00 was made to Moultonborough Academy Envirothon.

Nov 6th meeting of NHACC will be attended by Marie, Bill, and Herb.

Marie attended a Stream Crossing Conference. Any stream crossings must have a State permit. i.e. culverts, bridges. Marie mentioned they discussed what actually constitutes a stream.

Marie mentioned she would attend the BOS budget meeting on Nov 19th, which will include the Land Use Change Tax discussion.

There will be a kickoff meeting of the Master Plan Implementation Committee with the Town Planner, Dan Merhalski, on Nov 16th to go over the charge of the committee and to introduce delegates from the various commissions, and an update on the Master Plan.

Marie will attend this first meeting, because Bob will be away.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING; Dec 6th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Patenaude, Secretary