

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
5/7/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Samaha, Chair, Bob Patenaude, Sec., Herb Farnham, Bill Gassman.

Members absent: Peter Jensen

Alternates absent: John Oliver, Paul Stinson

Others present: Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator, Scott Kinmond, Road Agent, Christina Ashjian, Nancy Wright.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved unanimously as is.

TRANSFER STATION CLEANUP: Marie presented maps of old dump. Carter explained conversation with DES. In his estimation all of the debris is considered “inert” and there is not a danger of pollution to Berry Brook; however, he said the town will clean up the area as best it could. He requested the Con Com to mark off the area where mechanized equipment shouldn’t be used. Carter said that the town would not use mechanized equipment on steep slopes and would stabilize disturbed areas with straw and seeding. Also he said that the town would use best practices along the edge of Berry Brook to protect it. He also stated that maybe the town can procure Corrections people to help in the manual effort, where required. Herb mentioned his concern about leaching into the Berry Brook during the cleanup operations.

Scott said that a “Wood chip boom” could be placed along the shoreline of the brook to prevent any contamination.

OTHER MOULTONBOROUGH PROPOSED PROJECTS: Carter mentioned replacement of Town docks at Lee’s Mills. The new docks which are 5’x20’ will replace the current docks of 3’x16’. He realizes the Town must submit an application to DES for approval.

Carter also talked about the Town acquiring a parcel of land adjacent to Playground Drive and the DPW property (tax map 116/5). He also explained choices of how to acquire the land to eliminate the ROW, and to protect the wetlands adjacent to Mud Pond. Marie mentioned that the Con Com would make a site visit and let him know if there were any conservation concerns.

LECTURE SERIES AT THE TOWN LIBRARY: Marie asked members to assist in introducing programs on Wednesday’s beginning on June 6th. Several members agreed to help.

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS: Marie cited a specific site visit that she and Bob visited. Bill showed a photo of what may be a violation of a docking facility near where he lives. The members viewed 3 new Planning Board applications. Herb volunteered to attend the Planning Board Meeting to voice the Con Com’s concerns on one of the applications.

COMPARISON OF SWQPA REVISIONS: Marie presented data showing the original regulations vs. the new regs. It was determined that the Town Planner should be involved in helping the Con Com in proposing a change to the Town Ordinances.

MILFOIL UPDATE: No update available.

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS: Paul e-mailed Marie with his research on inspecting septic systems. Cost could be between \$200.00-\$300.00 per test by a licensed inspector. (Most inspections are done at when a house is sold, but are not mandatory. A Town Ordinance could be created to insure it happens on every sale).

TAKING ACTION FOR WILDLIFE: Amanda Stone and Wendy Scribner from UNH Co Op Extension attended. Marie showed maps of what the Con Com has done so far. Bill mentioned that Kona should be on the wildlife map, and voiced his concern that there may be areas that are not protected that should be.

Amanda suggested specific items the Con Com should concentrate on. i.e. Tax Map Overlay, List of Land Owners, and developing a list to keep habitats healthy. She also mentioned to look at the Wildlife Website, "Community Story" to assist the Con Com in its overall plan. Wendy talked about "cut and paste" to describe each habitat and how they fit together in the overall plan.

Amanda suggested that the Town Planner attend the next meeting to help with the map overlays.

Marie said the Con Com will schedule a working meeting with the Town Planner on 5/23/2012 at 5:30 PM to explain what is needed.

Amanda and Wendy will attend the next meeting on 6/6/2012 at 5 PM, and requested that the Town Planner attend also

Amanda will e-mail a "list of tasks" to discuss at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM. Next meeting will be a work session on 5/23/2012 at 5:30 PM. Next regular meeting will be on 6/6/2012 at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Patenaude, Sec.