

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF
May 5, 2014 MEETING

Meeting started at 7:03 PM. Members present: Marie Samaha, Chair; Bill Gassman, Jim Nelson, seated as is an alternate, Scott Bartlett, seated as an alternate
Others Present: Erin Lambert, Nobis Engineering, Tom Howard, NH Conservation Real Estate, Al Hoch, Nancy Wright

MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

MEMBERSHIP:

Marie welcomed Scott Bartlett as the representative of the Planning Board to the Conservation Commission and Jim Nelson. Both are alternates.

PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:

Marie reported on permits and notifications for last month, including an email (see May 5, 2014 agenda) regarding the culvert on Shaker Jerry Road.

Three Planning Board comment sheets were reviewed – 2 for CruCon and one for Norman and Martha Gill.

CruCon – request for approval for a service road between two properties. Comment by the CC included a concern that the stormwater basin on the former MVSB property may not be large enough to hold increased stormwater runoff generated by the new road.

Gill – seeking within 50 feet of wetland setbacks. Marie will do a visit on May 6.

Erin Lambert of Nobis Engineering presented a plan to replace a culvert on Moulton Road to handle stormwater runoff from the proposed building site for the Dollar General project. She stated that an 18 inch culvert will replace a smaller culvert (approximately 12 inches) underneath the road.

PRESENTATION BY TOM HOWARD RE A LAND PARCEL

Tom's presentation was to make the CC aware of and give information on a parcel of land in Moultonborough. The Don-Lau Realty Trust has contracted with Tom to act as their agent in the sale of this land. Tom thought the CC may have an interest in it.

The 37 acre parcel, lot 76/4, has two entries on Route 25 and 3800 feet on Lee Pond. It abuts the Red Hill River and some town owned parcels that may have historical value. Tom spoke of its value as a potential recreational area and wildlife habitat.

There was some interest among CC members and a site visit was set up for Friday, May 9, at 11:00 to tour the parcel. Members did suggest that the current commission would struggle with acquiring the land for conservation use as we do not have the expertise to take on this type of project. Tom offered to send Marie the names of some consultants who work with groups to acquire land for conservation. Jim Nelson offered to contact members of the Lee Pond Association as they may have an interest in conserving the land. Jim will also talk with members of the Meredith Conservation Commission who had worked on their Page Pond project.

CON COM YOUTH CORPS:

Students have talked with Scott Kinmond about the project and will present it to the Selectmen on May 15. Work will begin soon after.

MOULTONBOROUGH BAY WATERSHED GRANT:

The grant should be approved this week and then a RFP for the project will be developed.

Currently 3 of 4 probes are installed. The water is too high in Shannon Brook for the 4th probe. It will be installed once the water lowers.

MILFOIL COMMITTEE

Al Hoch and Scott Bartlett reported on the activities of the Milfoil Committee. In depth information can be found in the minutes of the Milfoil Committee located on the town website.

PRIORITY WILDLIFE HABITATS:

Marie distributed another draft of a letter to landowners. Members suggested including a mention of ways to conserve land; i.e., easements and current use, and to indicate to land owners the type of habitat on their parcels.

MPIC:

No update available.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

The next meeting of the Con Com will be a site visit to Lot 76/ Plot 4 on Friday, June 9 at 11:00. The next regular meeting of the Con Com is on June 2, 2014, at 7 PM in the Land Use Office of the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted: Marie Samaha