

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
December 7, 2015

The normal monthly meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Members present were Marie Samaha, Chair, Bill Gassman, Secretary, Jim Nelson (alternate), Ed Harrington, Bob Patenaude, Scott Bartlett (seated as planning board rep), and Brian Sanford (alternate).

Minutes:

The minutes from November 2, 2015 were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve them without changes, Bob seconded and all approved.

Permits/Applications/Correspondence/Complaints:

Several wetland and shoreline permits were reviewed and discussed. No comments were added to the applications.

Marie continues to work with the NH State Agriculture about a resident complaint about a neighboring manure pile.

Scott reported on the Dollar General hearing. There will be another meeting on 12/9/15 to look over updated information about the permit. Marie distributed a memo from the Town Planner, with recommendations of how to proceed.

Scott reported on the upcoming States Landing meeting, Wednesday 12/9/15, to review improvement plans. The project will be broken into phases, adding cost estimates on each phase.

There was a long discussion about getting the ConCom more involved in questionable storm water site plans earlier in the process. Runoff after a 5" rainstorm provided an example where runoff plans don't always work as approved. The ConCom role would be advisory.

Bob continues to look into the issue of land-based invasive species, such as Knot Weed. He is working with Meredith to figure out what can be done around mitigation and education. There was discussion about having a workshop next summer.

Lees Pond Preserve:

Scott made a motion and Ed seconded it, to go into non-public session for 91-A:3 II section D (Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.) . A roll call of seated members was unanimous. The motion carried and the commission went into non-public session at 8:25 PM.

The topic of the non-public meeting was an update on continuing negotiations on the Lees Pond Preserve property project. More meetings with the owner are planned. There is no material change in the status.

Scott moved to come out of non-public session at 8:50 – Seconded by Ed. All approved via roll call vote. There were no decisions made, therefore no minutes, beyond these, will be written about the non-public session.

CC Goals/Mission Statement – 2015-2016

A document of the ConCom structure and goals will be put on the ConCom web site.

NRI

There is only one vendor proposal for updating the NRI. It will be opened as planned on 12/8/15 and approval will come before the commission next month. Update: 4 bids received by deadline.

Septic Survey

Brian brought the group up to date on the potential of a septic survey. Andrew Madison, from Granite State Water is planning a survey, focused on drinking water. The planning board wants a broader survey.

Citizen Input

Jim Cross discussed his land near Moultonborough Academy. He wants to add a conservation easement on his 79 acre track, with 69 acres of wetlands. It will cost an estimated \$7000 to establish that. The land is under current use, except for five acres. He would not want snowmobile traffic, but welcomes hunters. There is already a walking trail, which he imagines would remain intact. Bill will be Mr. Cross's contact to the ConCom, which will attempt to help with the project.

Water Quality

Bob moved that we pay UNH for water testing on Moultonborough Bay Inlet and Moultonborough Bay sub-watersheds.

Bill reviewed the water quality results for 2015 and the previous 5 years. A graphic is published and publically available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Moultonborough-Conservation-Commission-131635440503261/> The raw data is available on request.

Other Business:

The next regular meeting is January 4th at 7PM.

Adjourn: – Scott made a motion 9:00 to adjourn the meeting, Ed seconded and all agreed.

Minutes submitted, by Bill Gassman; Secretary and Marie Samaha; Chair.