



**DRAFT
Conservation Commission
May 22, 2008**

Members Present: Katheryn Holmes, Chair; Eric Unger, Vice-Chair; Chuck Crickman; Deane Geddes

Ms. Holmes called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Wetlands Board

Bell Engineering – Chalk Pond Road

Mr. Geddes suggested that the Selectmen should consider asking Mr. Bell to post a bond to protect Chalk Pond Road.

Ms. Holmes commented that based on the reaction of the Board of Selectmen at Town meeting, it seems unfavorable that the Board of Selectmen will require a bond. The status of the application at the Wetlands Bureau is unknown at this time.

DRED – Sunapee State Beach

Ms. Holmes asked the Board members for input on writing a letter to the Wetlands Bureau regarding the application filed by DRED for work at the Sunapee State Beach. She commented that after a telephone conversation with Seth Prescott, Project Manager, she felt it is important for the Conservation Commission to communicate to the Wetlands Bureau their observations and recommendations, especially since there have been several letters submitted and comments made at the May 13, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Geddes commended Mr. Prescott for attending the May 13, 2008 meeting.

The Board discussed the application and agreed that level spreaders need to be maintained in order to remain effective. The heated hot top will be difficult on beachgoers in bare feet, and the run-off will elevate the temperature of Chandler Brook, thereby affecting the ecosystem. Mt. Sunapee Resort uses the beach for overflow parking in the winter. Consequently, the parking area could be sanded and salted as part of the winter snow maintenance, which will inevitably wash into the brook. The State should be required to get approval of its septic system prior to upgrading the same as other property owners. There appears to be a lack of general maintenance as evident with the

trash on the grounds and the sand build-up at the boat launch. The near-by residents are very close to the water level in Chandler Brook and have stated that the ability for the parking area to flood keeps them from flooding. A comprehensive maintenance plan would be beneficial to the site as well as the surrounding properties and wetlands, including Chandler Brook which is a permanent stream, not perennial.

The Board agreed that the trees in the middle of the parking area ought to remain for shade and absorption purposes. Suitable alternatives for paving should be explored and a maintenance schedule should be submitted for the drainage systems. The abutters should be given some kind of assurance that their properties will not be adversely affected by the changes. Repair and stabilization of the riparian buffer should be a priority, and the installation of rain gardens should be considered to supplement the level spreaders. A septic inspection and approval should be conducted prior to construction.

Ms. Holmes agreed to draft a letter to the Wetlands Bureau incorporating the points of discussion.

Mr. Unger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crickman seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Plunkett
Recording Secretary