

Chairman Sam Demeritt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Other Members in attendance were Celia Abrams, Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith and Raelene Shippee-Rice who was seated for Noel Carlson. Kristen Lamb arrived at 7:15 and Deb Kimball arrived at 7:29. Guest was Mr. Joseph Falzone, Harbor Street Limited.

Merry Hill Development: Mr. Falzone was invited to speak to the Commission to clarify the status of the conservation easement monitoring for the Merry Hill Subdivision. There are 21 proposed house lots and there are approximately 20 acres in easement. The Planning Board (PB) recently approved this project. The Commission had communicated to Mr. Falzone that we are unable to assume additional monitoring assignments and had requested that he continue to enlist Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD), as he has for some of his previous housing projects in Nottingham. Mr. Falzone explained that the Homeowners Association (HA) would police the easement and that RCCD would monitor the property for a yearly fee of \$325. Mr. Falzone will put monies into a reserve account, enough for 10 years, but that ultimately the fee for easement monitoring will be paid to RCCD from the HA. The Commission can expect copies of the monitoring reports from RCCD.

Oak Ridge Development: Mr. Falzone indicated that the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) would now reimburse 91%, instead of 74%, of the value of property (approximately \$600,000) placed into conservation easement through the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). If the project is approved by NRCS then the reimbursement difference for the Town from Conservation Fund will be reduced by approximately 46% (from \$100,000 to \$54,000). NH has been approved for \$1.5 million for this round of WRP grant funding. Mr. Falzone's application to NRCS will be submitted as soon as the PB accepts the application as complete.

Mr. Falzone left the meeting at 7:22.

Commission Meetings Televised: The Selectmen's Office inquired if the Commission would be able to conduct its meetings in Conference Room 1 rather than in the Planning Zoning (P/Z) Office so that the sessions could be televised locally on those days that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was not meeting. The Commission discussed the practicality of doing so and decided at this time it would be too cumbersome. Several times during each meeting, records in the files or property tax maps are needed to identify properties that have requested wetland impact permits from DES, properties that allegedly have had wetland violations, Intent to Cut notices, and easement monitoring information, for

example. The Members agreed that if there was a portable camera available to be used in the P/Z Office, Commission meetings could be televised.

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes for April 8, 2013, were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Kimball, and seconded by Smith. There were six yeas and one abstention.

The meeting scheduled for May 13, 2013 was not called to order due to the lack of a quorum.

Correspondence:

- Dated 5/30/13, from NH Division of Forests and Lands, William T. Guinn, **Regional Forester, to the BOS, a Notice to Harvest Timber to Municipalities** (in accordance with RSA 541-A: 39) from 190 acres in the state park. The proposal will be put out to bid this summer.
- Approved 4/10/13, from Craig W. Day, DES Wetlands Bureau to Gary and Jeanann St. Pierre, 34 Dolloff Dam LLC, 224 North River Road, Lee, NH, for property located at 34 Dolloff Dam Road, Map 70, Lot 3, a **Shoreland Impact Permit #2013-00662**, to impact 6,165 ft². The project will remove an existing non-conforming structure and build a new residence with well, septic and driveway. The Permit listed nine site-specific conditions and seven general conditions while work is being done.
- Approved 4/19/13, from Craig W. Day, DES Wetlands Bureau to Douglass N. Leib Living Trust, 9 Cahill Lane, Tax Map 68, Lot 49-2a **Shoreland Impact Permit #2013-00800**, to impact 15,200 ft², to construct a single family dwelling with septic, well and driveway. The approval was granted based on eight project specific conditions and seven general conditions.
- Dated 5/2/13, from David Price East Region Compliance Inspector, DES Land Resources Management to the Town of Nottingham, a **Request for Additional Information** re: DES Wetland File #2013-00483 re: Gravel Pit Access Road off Smoke Street, Map 10, Lot 3. DES has reviewed the Dredge and Fill Application for a stream crossing and has determined that additional information is needed. Four items were listed. DES instructed that a response be received within 60 days.
- Dated 4/11/13, a **letter from** Todd Piskovitz, Project Review Sub-committee Chair for the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (**LRAC**) 203 Wadleigh Falls Rd., Lee, NH, **to** Dori Wiggin, **DES re: the DES Shoreland Permit #2013- 00662** for 34 Dolloff Dam Rd. (see above). LRAC reviewed the proposed project and had six concerns re: said project

including that the replacement dwelling's footprint would have a footprint three times the size of the existing house.

- Dated 5/16/13, from Stephen Bittner to DES, a **Shoreland Permit Application** to construct a driveway 200 feet long. The property is identified as Map 71, Lot 126 on Beachhead Road.
- Dated 4/11/13, from the Town of Nottingham to DES, a **Shoreland Permit Application** to remove four rocks from the Town Beach which are hazards to swimmers and permission to replace depressions with sand. The property is located on Tax Map 52 and is located on Town Beach Road.
- The Commission has received a Thank You from Bear-Paw Regional Greenways for the Town's renewed membership.
- An **announcement from the COVERTS** program that there will be another three-day workshop series held this September. Three Commission members have attended this program that stresses land practices to encourage property owners to develop and maintain habitats for wildlife. The announcement will be posted on the bulletin board for the public to see.
- An **announcement from the Forest Society (SPNHF) and Cooperative Extension** for a program on How to Lead a Field Walk: "Field Trip 101", will be held on July 18. Please contact SPNHF for more details.
- There were six **Intent to Cut** Notices:
 1. Map 24, Lot 2 on Smoke Street, of 15 acres, to cut 5. Mostly white pine, 20 MBF;
 2. Map 52, Lot 4-2, on Deerfield Road, of 90 acres to cut 20. Mostly white pine (15 MBF) and hemlock (25 MBF);
 3. Map 61, Lot 5, on Deerfield Road and Round Pond Road, of 18 acres, to cut 15. Mostly white pine, 50 MBF;
 4. Map 23, Lot 2, on Smoke Street, of 350 acres, to cut 30. Mostly white pine, 30 MBF.
 5. Map 9, Lot 11, on Case Road, of 107 acres, to cut 11. Mostly white pine (30 MBF) and hemlock (6 MBF);
 6. Map 61, Lot 2, on Deerfield Road and Round Pond Road, of 212 acres, to cut 45. Mostly white pine (50 MBF) and pulpwood (600+ tons).

Field Walk: Lamb reported that the field trip to see the progress made to develop habitat for the New England cottontail (rabbit) on the conserved Terninko property was held recently. The project is funded by NRCS to help this specie recover. This specie of cottontail has disappeared from over 90 percent of its former range in recent years. Ten people participated in the event.

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways: The annual **Biothon** will be held on Saturday, June 15. Two Commission members will participate in this event in which participants log all species found on a property within one (24 hours) day.

Road Side Cleanup: The Commission will pick up trash along one mile of Route 152 and along one mile of Route 156 on Tuesday, June 18, starting at 8:00 am.

Invasive Species presentation to the BOS: Smith reported that Doug Cygan, the NH Invasive Species Program Director, spoke to the BOS at the June 3rd meeting. The town's road agent was also in attendance. Mr. Cygan recommended that Nottingham focus on five key invasives: Japanese knotweed, autumn olive, burning bush, barberry and bittersweet. Monitoring should initially focus on town owned properties. Mr. Cygan added that he would add Routes 152 and 156 to the state's monitoring and control activities. Public education and involvement are important components of a town's efforts to deal with these plants. There is cost sharing available to towns through NRCS EQUIP or WHIP grants.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mooney and seconded by Smith to adjourn. All seven votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on July 8, 2013. Corrections have been made.