



Town of Sandown , NH

Conservation Commission

Minutes

July 26, 2012

Date: July 26, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Pam Merrill Solomon - Chair, Brian Butler, Scott Burt, Mark Traeger, Paul Carey

Absent: Samantha Borbone

Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Hans Nicolaisen: Absent

Environmental Consultant: Mr. Gerry Miller, Certified Wetlands Scientist: Present

Annual Fishing Derby Chair: Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Absent

Opening: Ms. Merrill Solomon opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Review of 6/26/12 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Carey made a motion to accept the 6/26/12 minutes as written. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Burt abstained.

Review of 6/26/12 Non-Public Minutes

Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 6/26/12 Non-Public minutes as written. Mr. Carey seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler and Mr. Burt abstained.

Mail/Updates

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted the Commission received \$15,000 from Mr. Brown's property to deposit into the land use account and needed signatures of approval from members.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted she received the printed trail maps from Hampstead Print and Copy. She noted they did give them a discount, but she was not sure how much the discount was. The invoice was for 200 trail maps for \$250. She noted that when they needed to reprint, they did not need to pay another set-up fee.

Ms. Merrill Solomon reviewed the budget schedule. She noted they would need to submit paperwork by August 20th. They will meet with the Selectman on August 27th at 7:30 and they meet with the Budget Committee on September 12 at 7:30.

The Commission received the deed for the Vokey property. The Commission needs to submit the deed to the Selectman's office to go into the property file.

Minimum Impact Expedited Application: 29 Brown Avenue (Levine)

Mr. Mike Hennessey, from Hennessey Landscape was present to review the project. He noted they were applying for an expedited minimum impact wetlands permit. The property is located at 29 Brown Avenue; the property owner is Benjamin Levine.

Mr. Hennessey noted they were applying for the permit because they will be working within 50' of the shore. They needed to acquire approval signatures from the Conservation Commission in order to submit the application.

Mr. Hennessey noted the project would include 45' of retaining wall, which would be 4' high and located at the end of their driveway. Behind the wall they will be installing rain gardens to alleviate the flow of water off the pavement and surrounding area. They are removing a concrete walkway and putting in a pervious walkway. Mr. Hennessey noted the Levine's have also committed to not using fertilizer on the property.

Mr. Carey asked what point of reference they were using for the high water mark because he did not feel they were in the water. Mr. Hennessey clarified that they would be working on the bank, not in the water. The wall would be about 10-15' off the edge of the water at some points with the majority of the wall 20' off the edge of the water.

Ms. Merrill Solomon questioned if he needed more information about the profile of the rain garden for DES. Mr. Hennessey noted he did not.

Mr. Butler clarified the elevation of the asphalt areas, making sure they were pitched so there would be minimal water washing away. Mr. Hennessey noted they were pitched towards the rain gardens.

Mr. Hennessey confirmed which trees were being removed. Mr. Miller noted that if they were removing trees within 50' off the shore, they needed to meet shoreline protection regulations.

Mr. Butler questioned how many times Hennessey Landscape has done this kind of work and Mr. Hennessey assured him they had done several projects like this before.

Ms. Merrill Solomon asked when the work was to be done. Mr. Hennessey noted they were hoping to have it done in the fall but will hold off if the water of the pond was high.

MOTION: Mr. Carey made a motion to sign the expedited minimum impact wetlands permit. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed.

Non-Public Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Carey made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Members came out of the Non- Public Meeting and stated that they sealed the Non-Public Minutes.

Roll Call: Ms. Merrill Solomon, Mr. Butler, Mr. Traeger, Mr. Carey, Mr. Burt

New Business

Mr. Traeger noted that the town would receive \$1,000 from DES as part of compensation for a wetlands violation. He noted the Commission is looking into projects to restore wetlands or water bodies within the town to use that money.

Election of a New Chair

Mr. Carey noted he would be willing to take over the Chairman position, and run meetings but would need assistance doing some of the background work since he is often on the road. Mr. Traeger noted he would be happy to handle that aspect since he often works from home.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to appoint Paul Carey as Chairman of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Burt seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Carey thanked Ms. Merrill Solomon for her service and hard work on the Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Burt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carey seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cairns

Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary