

**Wolfeboro Conservation Commission
Dredge & Fill Meeting
February 9, 2009**

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Sheldon Jones, Randy Tetreault, Lenore Clark, Ed Roundy, Members, Sarah Silk, Mike Hodder, Alternates.

**Robert & Michelle Walker
91 Springfield Point Road
Lake Winnepesaukee
TM #266-7
Standard Dredge & Fill**

The applicant has requested to construct a crank-up dock with a concrete hinge pad and stair access, remove an abandoned crib and restore impact associated with the removal of stairs within the bank. The applicant also requests an after-the-fact approval for temporary impact to the bank of a surface water and wetland for the replacement of an existing culvert.

Referencing the Robert & Michelle Walker Standard Dredge & Fill application, TM #266-, the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission noted the following:

A portion of the application is submitted "after-the-fact" in that some of the work has already been done. We find ourselves to be somewhat handicapped in our review, due to the time of year when this application was submitted, but will advise as best we can based upon a limited ability to view the property without snow or water at the premises. We would recommend a site review of this application for the above reasons.

It is our understanding that the crib for the non-existing dock may have already been removed. We also note that the shrubs have already been cut within 50' of the reference line. We noted shrubs cut along the shore, and also along the stream bank located within the wetland that is located within the shoreland buffer zone. We would prefer that the shrubs be maintained along the banks, due to the shading and erosion control benefits provided by maintaining this vegetation.

The culvert has been installed and fill added within the shoreland buffer zone. According to neighbors, a footbridge was previously in place where the culvert is now, and we feel that it would be preferable to have the culvert removed and the stream restored, as much as possible to the prior location and condition. When we were at the property, we noted that water was running through a stream within the wetland, emptying into Lake Winnepesaukee. For reasons of ecological integrity, we would prefer that the culvert be removed and the stream be restored to it's prior condition as much as possible.

While the Commission has no objection to the replacement of the steps with a concrete pad and seasonal dock, we question whether it is located too close to the water flowing from the stream into the lake.