## WOLFEBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION DREDGE & FILL MEETING November 13, 2009

<u>Members Present:</u> Dan Coons, Chairman, Mike Hodder, Vice-Chairman, Ed Roundy, Bob Gilbert, Members.

Kingswood Golf Club South Main Street TM #232-5 Standard Dredge & Fill

The applicant proposes the retention of fill placed in jurisdictional wetland prior to knowledge of its regulatory status.

The Commission conducted a site visit.

Referencing the Kingswood Golf Club Standard Dredge & Fill application, TM #232-5, it is the opinion of the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission that there is no justification of need for the placement of fill. The Commission does not feel that the pre-existing condition was a steep slope causing safety concerns, nor does the Commission feel that filling the wetlands so as to make "play" on the golf course easier to be justified. The Commission questions whether removal of the fill would be appropriate and more impacting than leaving it in place. The Commission recommends NH DES inspect the site prior to rendering a decision on the matter.

P&D Zimmerman Family Limited Partnership 7 Pine Street TM #218-99 Standard Dredge & Fill

The applicant proposes the retention of 1251 SF of "after-the-fact" impact to a poorly drained wetland that had previously been maintained as a yard/lawn for the purpose of creating a parking lot for a proposed 52 seat restaurant.

Referencing the P&D Zimmerman Family Limited Partnership Standard Dredge & Fill application, TM #218-99, the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission noted concerns with the application. The Commission takes issue with the characterization of the intermittent stream as a "drainage ditch" and, as such, requests the restoration treat this stream as a functioning geomorphologically accurate stream, rather than an engineered ditch. The Commission suggests that a Rosgen or similar approach be used for the stream restoration. Furthermore, it is the opinion of the Commission that the rest of the application provides considerable benefit to the applicant compared to what he encountered prior to development. The Commission is not in favor of the filling of wetlands for construction of a parking lot. That said, if NH DES opines that filling of wetlands for construction of the parking lot would have been permitted had the application been submitted prior to the filling, the Commission has no objection. The Commission would, however, because of the proximity of the parking lot to the stream and adjacent wetlands, request a low impact design incorporated into the parking lot to include a natural vegetative buffer with shrubs or other wetland species that might minimize pollution impacts due to runoff from the parking lot.