

Town of Newington, NH

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 29, 2020

Call to Order: Chair Denis Hebert called the October 29, 2020 joint Conservation Commission and Planning Board meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Conservation Commission: Chair Jane Hislop; Vice-Chair Jim Weiner; Commissioners: Andrew Meigs; Ann Morton; Jim Tucker; Alternate Jane Kendall
Planning Board: Chair Denis Hebert; Vice-Chair Erika Mantz Board Members: Russ Cooke; Christopher Cross; Ben Johnson; and Peter Welch; Alternate Board member, Jim Weiner; Board of Selectmen's Representative, Ken Latchaw; Town Planner, John Krebs and Jane Kendall, Recorder

Absent: Conservation Commission Alternate: Bill Murray; Planning Board Alternate Rick Stern

Public Guests: Steve Haight, P.E. with CivilWorks Engineering; Jon Shaftmaster, CEO of Lorco; Bob Keating with Little Bay Lobster; Town engineering consultant, Eric Weinrieb, Principal P.E. with Altus Engineering

I) Landscape and Shoreland Permit Review: Proposal by Little Bay Lobster/Lordco Pier Associates regarding property located at 158 Shattuck Way, Tax Map 20, Lot 17

Steve Haight, P.E. with CivilWorks Engineering informed the Conservation Commission that Little Bay Lobster was proposing to build another storage building between the two existing buildings to allow additional live lobster storage during the off season for shipping purposes.

Mr. Haight stated that the site had been operating as a fish type facility for 50-60 years.

Mr. Haight stated that there would be no additional site construction except for the building, catch basins and drainage as required for additional stormwater management. Mr. Haight said they would capture runoff from the roof of the building into the stormwater catch basin and pretreatment systems.

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Mr. Haight stated that they met the State's 25-foot shoreline buffer requirement with the existing vegetation, and that the proposal would increase the impervious coverage with buildings, parking and gravel from 82% to 85%, so there was no place for additional landscaping. Mr. Haight said they talked to the Planning Board on the previous meeting about a waiver from the landscape requirement.

Mr. Haight stated that they had applied to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a Shoreland Permit because they were within the 250-foot setback. Mr. Haight stated that there was an existing electrical line on the site, and that they were upgrading the service from the existing building to the dock. Mr. Haight said he thought they could do a Permit by Notification (PBN) that didn't require a recommendation from the Conservation Commission, but they missed putting in the application, so now they needed to file a Shoreline Permit for the utility line, and asked DES if they could backfill for safety reasons.

Vice-Chair Weiner acknowledged that there was no area between the buildings for landscaping, but suggested that it would be nice if they could add some plant life near their sign even if the Commission waived the landscaping requirement completely. Mr. Krebs responded that Georgia-Pacific owned the property where the sign was placed. Town engineering consultant, Eric Weinrieb with Altus Engineering agreed that they were on a land-locked island.

Jim Tucker moved to recommend the landscaping waiver request by Little Bay Lobster/Lordco Pier Associates regarding property located at 158 Shattuck Way, Tax Map 20, Lot 17. Ann Morton seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Town Planner, John Krebs informed the applicant that they could return for a recommendation from the Commission on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Adjournment: The Conservation Commission adjourned their portion of the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020

**Respectfully
Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary

These Minutes were approved and adopted at the November 12, 2020 Conservation Commission meeting.