

The Town of Newington
New Hampshire – Incorporated 1764
NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, February 13, 2008

Call to Order: Justin Richardson, Chair Person called to order the meeting of February, 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Justin Richardson, Chair Person, Peggy Lamson, George Fletcher, Michelle Lozuaway.

Not Present: Jane Hislop, Tom Morgan, and Dottie Watson.

Guest: Mark West, of West Environmental.

Old Business

1. Mark West Update

Reviewed for the Commission, Survey of Rare and Endangered Species. He stated maps are finished. Mark gave an overview of rare wildlife species.

2. Pease Development Authority - Golf Course Project.

Peggy Lamson recused herself. Review of plans pending application to the NHDES for a terrain alteration permit with Mark West. The area in question includes, Prime Wetland A off Airport Road, for which Gove Environmental Services recommended a 100 foot buffer be established. Michelle Lozuaway moved to have the Chair send a letter requesting that DES deny the application. Seconded by George Fletcher. Motion carried in the affirmative.

3. Boiling Springs/Khalsa Property, Little Bay Road

Chair informed the Commission that: (a) the Selectmen will be meeting with Richard Green, Executive Director of the PDA to discuss acquisition of the property; (b) the PDA purchased the Khalsa property last week; and (c) he would recuse himself because the Selectmen asked his law firm to represent the Town on questions related to the acquisition. The Commission needs to appoint a member of the Commission to act on behalf of the Commission during negotiations. Motion made to appoint George F. and Michelle L. to represent the Commission during any negotiations, and to authorize them to consult with Mark West concerning any questions related to the property. Unanimous.

4. Knights Brook Boardwalk construction

Reviewed Photos showing construction of a Board-Walk. Land area looking at Tax Map appears to be the Ripley property on Old Post Road. Commission would send a letter to John and Meg Ripley of Old Post Road inviting them to the March 13th Conservation Commission meeting.

5. Spaulding Turnpike Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Chair announced that the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Spaulding Turnpike can be reviewed at the Newington Town Hall. Chair Richardson stated he had conversation with the Project Manager of Dot, Chris W. who stated that DOT was interested in the Shackford Lot for mitigation.

6. Acceptance – Minutes of 1/10/08

Moved by Peggy Lamson, seconded by Michelle Lozuaway to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried in the affirmative.

7. Peggy Lamson moved to Adjourn

Seconded by Michelle Lozuaway. Motion carried. Next meeting will be held on March 13, 2008 @ 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Pearl Travis, Recorder/Transcriber