

**The Town of Newington
New Hampshire - Incorporated 1764
Newington Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 8, 2007**

1. **Call to Order:** Vincent Frank, Chair Person called to order the meeting of Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:05 P.M.

Present: Vincent Frank, Chairman, Barbara McDonald Vice Chairwoman, George Fletcher, Peggy Lamson, Tom Morgan, Town Planner, Justin Richardson and Dotty Watson.

Not Present: Jane Hislop

Guests: Andy Ward of HBLA, Inc. Landscape Architect; Dennis Moulton, Engineer for VIP; Mr. Faulkingham, Newington Realtor Co., owner of the present property; Wilcox Industries, Pres. Gregory Harville

2. **New Business:**

VIP Landscape Plan

Chairman Frank introduced Andy Ward, Landscape Architect for VIP tire who will replace the old Newington Roller Skating Arena Entrance on Woodbury Avenue and on Fox Run Road abutting the Donald & Julia Beals property. All members of the Commission received a copy of the Landscape Plan for the said property.

Andy Ward opened his presentation stating that the entrance on Fox Run Road would have native boulders??

Commissioner Justin Richardson questioned the Westside property stating the mapping showed wetlands. Engineer for the development, Dennis Moulton, said it was existing vegetation. Chair Frank recognized Vice Chair McDonald. Barbara questioned if three () Pine trees were enough to prevent noise and light pollution. Much discussion was held on landscaping. Architect Ward stated they could add extra trees. Vice Chair McDonald wanted added vegetation so as to prevent noise and light pollution. George Fletcher questioned the location of the Beals property in relation to the VIP Project. Mr. Ward responded and stated the new vegetation will be a good balance, since the Beals homestead is near the driveway line. Chair Frank recognized Vice Chair McDonald. Barbara requested their Pest Mgt. If they will be low chemicals and what are their restrictions. She would like them listed I their Landscape Maintenance Plan. Chair Frank asked if there were any further questions. Since there were no further questions, Chair Frank requested signature of the property on the Landscape Plan. VIP Landscape Plan with complete updates and corrections will be presented at the April 12, 2007 CC meeting.

3. **Wilcox Industries**

President Gregory Harville of Wilcox Industries attended the CC on how to address their problems re: addition to the present building, impacting wetlands. Mr. Harville explained that Wilcox bought the farm Matrix Building on Piscataqua Drive in "2005" (February). They employ 100 people and have a strong business. They need 60,000 sq. ft. behind the present building to build a three (3) story building. In order to build the addition, they would impact 7,200 feet of wetland. Much discussion was held by the Commissioners and concerns of mitigating the wetland and if the wetland had any

vernal pools. Mr. Harville stated the wetland had no vernal pools or no connection to the larger body of water, which is the Piscataqua River. Chair Frank recognized Justin Richardson. Justin questioned if the wetland had an outlet. Mr. Harville stated it did not have an outlet. Much discussion was held and Justin brought up the parking lot addition. Much confusion of the sight. So Town Planner Tom Morgan brought the aerial view before them re Shattuck Way. Mr. Harville reminded the Commissioners that Shattuck Way will be extended to Gosling Road by the Town of Newington in the near future and this wetland will be impacted. Wilcox deeded to the Town of Newington land for the extension. PSNH last year granted rights likewise to the Town of Newington. Chair Frank recognized Vice Chair. Barbara was very concerned about not being able to reclaim a wetland. It is not a major wetland. Barbara would like to see a mitigation plan. Chair Frank recognized Justin Richardson who asked Mr. Harville to consider Storm Water runoff. Justin gave Mr. Harville the contact person from UNH who could advise him. Discussion was held that a good plan would help when the Town of Newington pursues the Shattuck Way extension. Since there were no further questions, Chair Frank thanked Mr. Harville and looked forward to Wilcox Industries Layout Plan for mitigation.

4. **Old Business**

Docking Structure for Hilde Cochrane Revoc Trust Tax Map/Lot @22/6. File No. 2006-02553

1. Vice Chairman McDonald requested for the record that DES Wetland Bureau approved the Docking Structure for Hilde Cochrane Revoc Trust Tax Map/Lot @22/6, File No. 2006-02553 but the owner Hilde Cochrane did not have her signature with conditions. Colin Adams sent Brian Haberstroh's conditions and signature. Chairman Frank will contact Wetlands Bureau of error.
2. Vice Chair McDonald stated Brian Haberstroh received approval for the dock at 108 Little Bay Road. His signed conditions for the Wetland Permit were attached to the Hilde Cochran Permit. She also stated that the Building Inspector told Mr. Haberstroh who was applying for a Building Permit – Construction of the dock.
3. Vice Chair McDonald told the Commissioners she requested from the Treasurer, George Fletcher, an update on Conservation funds. George Fletcher reported that the Conservation Commission Fund had a balance as of 2/28/07, the sum of \$215,753.48.
4. Vice Chair McDonald reported the Board of Selectmen have not relied e: recycling at the Town Office.

Chair Frank, recognized Justin Richardson in regards to the money in the Conservation fund. Much discussion in regards to what Justin stated we need to get info out to the Public that the CC has a fund. Chair Frank stated we don't have much and need to build up the fund. George Fletcher spoke on the purchase of the easement on the Frink Farm 2003 will help from Federal Farm Land Protection Grant. George stated current use penalty tax go into the Conservation Fund. Plus the \$50,000.00 approved each year at the Town Meeting. Justin asked if Tom Morgan could update the Conservation Comm. Website re: Conservation Easements so the Public would know they could talk with the CC. Chair asked for a motion. Moved by Justin Richardson, seconded by George Fletcher to update Conservation Comm. Website by Tom Morgan. Motion carried in the affirmative.

Chair Frank, recognized Vice Chair McDonald who spoke on Article 6 of the March Town Meeting Warrant. She stated the BOS are asking the Town of Newington to

approve the purchase of land on Little Bay Road owned by Khalsa/Tide Creek Realty. There are 7.11 acres of land and the asking price of \$525,000. Barbara stated the BOS waived the Current Use Penalty Tax, which would have been \$359,802.00. Barbara said the true figure that the taxpayer would be paying is as follows: \$884,802.00. She wanted the Commission to know the Current Use Tax.

5. Town Forest

Chair Frank asked for a report on the on-going saga of the Forest from the PDA. Tom Morgan and Peggy Lamson stated their communication with Board members has spearheaded the Chairman of the PDA to push Staff to move the Deed. Tom is very pleased with his communication with Chair Nickless. Peggy stated she requested Chair Nickless work with Tom Morgan as the point person. Vice Chairman asked Peggy if the Town Forest would be on the March 15th PDA Agenda? Peggy stated she did not know but would ball her if placed.

6. Correspondence

1. Vice Chair read a statement to the Portsmouth herald on the recent complaint from a resident who did not like the CC sending out flyers at the cost of the taxpayers. Bulk Rate for Postage was \$81.60 @23 cents a copy. Statement attached to minutes.
2. Vice Chair McDonald passed out the Land Management Workshop in Concord, NH New Hampshire Estuaries Project
 - a) Buffers: Protecting Water Resources Estuaries Project can help a community understand the importance of Buffers and what can be don to protect them.
 - b) Buffer Out Reach Program.
3. Statement from Attorney Ramson. Justin reviewed the account and stated to file it on the record.
4. Wetland Application – Allied Continental Group Development behind the Exxon Station, Nimble hill Road. Vice Chair stated she just received the application today. Commissioners question about site. Tom Told them that the group wished to build a four (4) story 64-room hotel behind Mitchell’s Exxon. Barbara stated we need an extension to review this request for comment. A motion moved by Peggy Lamson, seconded by George Fletcher to have the Chairman write DES requesting 45 Day Extension. Motion carried in the affirmative.

7. Minutes of February 8, 2007

Peggy made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2007. Seconded by George Fletcher. Chair asked if there were any errors or omissions. Justin Richardson read the needed corrections forwarding them to Vice Chair who will attach to the minutes. Motion carried in the affirmative.

8. Adjournment:

Peggy made a moved to adjourn and George seconded it. Do I hear a motion to adjourn? Peggy made a motion to adjourn and Jane seconded it. Motion carried in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Recorded by Peggy Lamson and
Transcribed by Pearl Travis-Sirois
File: NCC Mins. 3/8/07

6.1 Attachment

The Newington Conservation Commission maintains a history of providing information to the citizens of Newington to keep them informed of the Commissions' current activities and recommendations in regard to the protection and utilization of our natural resources.

Hosting Public informational forums, press releases, and mailing flyers to each home have been utilized as outreach tools. The commission has always stressed the importance of an informed electorate.

***Statement to the Portsmouth Herald
By Vice Chair, Barbara McDonald
March 7, 2007***