

The Town of Newington
New Hampshire – Incorporated 1764
NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 13, 2008

Call to Order: Justin Richardson, Chair Person called to order the meeting of March, 13, 2008 at 6:45 PM.

Present: Justin Richardson, Chair Person, George Fletcher, Michelle Lozuaway, Dottie Watson, Jane Hislop and Tom Morgan, Planning Board.

Not Present: Peggy Lamson

Guest: Michael Mazeau, Kelly Kippenberger, Wetland Scientist/Project Manager from TRC

1. Michael Mazeau regarding wetlands on Coleman Drive.

Owns a small home on 14 Coleman Drive and putting on an addition.

Board of Adjustments received variance.

1/28/08 -100 foot wetlands buffer and began construction

Mike Marconi filed for a rehearing. He had objections and was granted a hearing on 3/3/08. The objection is the encroachment to wetlands.

The variance was suspended till next Monday, 3/17/08.

Mike went on to explain plan.

It needs the support of the CC. There were several objections. Water quality issues were raised.

Completed project/improvements explained:

- a) No wetlands being disturbed, silk fenced whole project. Tore down garage which was 17 feet from wetlands and a new foundation is in place.
- b) Gravel parking area 10-15 feet of wetlands. The whole area is a 4 foot concrete wall and foundation for the garage.
- c) Existing septic system is 20 feet from wetlands. It's 40 years old – 500 gallon tank and had it inspected. Leach field made of old orange piping, fragile. The new system is 75 feet from the wetland which has been approved by DES and can be installed.

Mike's concern is the septic system runoff. Can't put in new system without a variance. He needs back-up from the Conservation Committee. Mike brought in Mr. Marconi's petition/objections. Discussion continued.

Michelle made a motion to send George and Jane to the ZBA meeting on Monday, March 17th, 2008 to represent the Commission before the ZBA.

Chairman seconded motion. No further discussions. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 2. Presentation by Newington Energy, LLC** regarding application to the NHDES for an expedited minimum impact project, received; 2008-03-11. Further information to be provided at the meeting.

Justin recused himself. Jane presided as acting Chairperson.

Kelly Kippenberger, Wetland Scientist/Project Manager, representing Newington Energy. She gave a presentation regarding a security fence at the access Drive. It will take two days to install, adding a second fence. Discussion ensued. If the CC agrees, they need to sign the forms Kelly provided.

Jane sees no problem/issue.

Michelle made a motion to allow Kelly to move forward with the project. George seconded it. All those in favor? All: AYE. Papers were signed by Jane Hislop as Acting Chairperson.

- 3. Boiling Springs/Khalsa Property, Little Bay Road. Update.**

Justin, Chairperson has recused himself, also he was not at the meeting.

Jane presided again as Chairperson. This was for George and Michelle who were authorized at the last meeting to step in and talk about what happened at the meeting between the PDA and the Town on the Khalsa property. Michelle will send an e-mail to reopen door for negotiations, etc.

- 4. Knight's Brook Boardwalk Construction Update**

Peggy hasn't contacted the Ripley's to come in and tell the CC what is going on. Jane voiced her concerns. The beavers have totally destroyed the whole area. Discussion ensued. Peggy needs to be reminded to pursue this. If she can't, Michelle volunteered to take over.

- 5. Proposed Pease Development Authority Wetlands Ordinance**

Basically what Pease PDA is suggesting. Justin went on to explain and spoke of backup of some issues to does the CC want a work group? Jane made a suggestion to hire Mark West where he is the wetland scientist and get his comments. Suggests sending a letter to the CC or to the PDA. Justin, second that motion. Unanimous.

- 6. Pease Golf Course Project**

Update concerning wetlands and terrain alteration commenced with permits from the NHDES. Justin discussed how they have withdrawn the project. Legally, has made it complicated. There is no permit that will be issued by DES, except for restoration. Discussion ensued. See package with all paperwork. The only thing that could be done is to take a legal position. Next steps discussed.

- 7. Appeal of Newington Conservation Commission**

Discussion regarding status of prime wetlands designation on PDA property ensued.

8. Correspondence, Invoices and Other Business

Jane brought up about a meeting coming up on open land, etc. thru State Foresters', possibly looking for money, etc.

Discussion ensued for payment of invoices. Tom made a motion to pay all the bills. Any discussion? None. All in favor, AYE.

Justin made a Motion to Adjourn @8:30 PM. Seconded by Jane. All in favor, AYE. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on April 10, 2008 @6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Pearl Travis, Recorder/Transcriber