



Conservation Commission

The Town of Newington

New Hampshire

Established 1713

NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 10, 2008

Call to Order: Justin Richardson, Chairman called the meeting to order of April 10, 2008 at 6:40 P.M.

Present: Justin Richardson, Chairman Peggy Lamson, George Flechter, Dottie Watson, Jane Hislop and Tom Morgan, Town Planner.

Not Present: Michelle Lozuaway

Public: Edna Mosher and John Ripley

1. **Edna Mosher, 97 Nimble Hill Rd.** Discuss wetlands & drainage issues on her Nimble Hill Road property. Ms. Mosher would like to re-dig her pond and drainage ditch which was constructed by the family in 1982-83. She asked for procedures on re-digging the pond and drainage ditch.

Chairman Richardson advised Ms. Mosher to seek input from a Soil Scientist and apply for a permit. He explained the process and said the Conservation Commission would give Comment after reviewing the plan and send the comments to the Wetlands Bureau.

2. Chairman Richardson, recognized **John Ripley of Old Post Rd.** Mr. Ripley has started building a boardwalk on his property which is adjacent to Knight's Brook a Prime Wetland. He said the Board Walk would be 250 feet in length and there would be two sections. Each section built by hand. No machinery was involved or used during the construction.

A discussion of the permit requirements took place. Mr. Ripley stated that before he received a letter from the Commission, he was not aware that a permit was required and asked about the procedures. Members of the Commission suggested that he contact Dori Wiggin at NHDES as well as

a Wetlands Scientist. Chairman stated after submitting his permit application three sets would come to the Town of Newington and the Commission would provide comments at that time.

Members of the Commission informed Mr. Ripley that the Commission would likely file comments with the NHDES in support of his application at that time.

3. **Proposed PDA Wetlands Ordinance.** The Commission discussed the PDA's proposal. After discussion, the Commission voted to have any members wishing to comment on the proposal to forward those comments to Mark West who would prepare a written report on the PDA's proposal. Comments to be provided to Mark West by May 1, 2008, so that the Commission could review and approve the comments at its meeting on May 8, 2008. All concurred.
4. **Pease Golf Course Project.** Chairman reviewed with the Commission the status of project, the letter of deficiency issued by the NHDES. No action taken.
5. **Appeal of Newington Conservation Commission (PDA prime wetlands).** Chairman gave a Status Report on the appeal. Ms. Lamson recused herself from the discussion. No action taken.
6. **Correspondence, Invoice and Other Business.**

Other Business: George Fletcher proposed actions to be taken by the Commission for the year 2008 as follows: Tree planting, Recycling, Reduction in Road salt consumption. Need for a Best Management Practice Plan for salt.

Invoices: Moved by Peggy Lamson to pay Pearl Travis \$107.79 seconded by Jane Hislop. All concurred. Moved by Jane Hislop to pay Baldwin, Callen & Ransom, in the amount of \$700.00 seconded by George Fletcher. All concurred (Ms. Lamson recused herself).

Chairman Richardson, brought 2 boxes of Commission documents that need to be filed and read a **proposal from Theresa Tomlinson** that she was interested in Filing Conservation material at the rate of \$15.00 per hour and the rate would go through payroll. Moved by Jane Hislop to accept Theresa Tomlinson proposal. Seconded by George Fletcher. Motion Carried in the affirmative. Chairman Richardson stated that he would obtain the Selectmen's concurrence before asking Ms. Tomlinson to commence.

7. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Moved by Peggy Lamson to accept the minutes of Feb.13,2008 as presented. Seconded by Dottie Watson. Motion carried in the affirmative. Moved by Jane Hislop to accept the minutes of March 13,2008 as presented. Seconded by George Flether. Motion carried in the affirmative.

Moved by Jane Hislop to adjourn seconded by Peggy Lamson. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Thursday May 8, 2008 6:30 P.M.

Jane Hislop
Peggy Lamson