

The Town of Newington
New Hampshire – Incorporated 1764
NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 8, 2008

Call to Order: Justin Richardson, Chair Person called to order the meeting of May 8, 2008 at 6:36 PM. For the record, meeting was posted at 6:30 PM.

Present: Justin Richardson, Chair Person, George Fletcher, Peggy Lamson, Dottie Watson, Jane Hislop, including a new CC member, Dorene Stern

Not Present: Michelle Lozuaway and Tom Morgan, Planning Board.

Public: Noah Elwood, P.E. of Appledore Marine Engineering Inc.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 2008 meeting.

Moved by Jane Hislop to accept the minutes of April 10, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Peggy Lamson. Motion carried in the affirmative.

2. Sprague Energy

Discussion and comments on emergency permit issued by NHDES on May 5, 2008. Noel Elwood of Appledore Marine Engineering/Sprague Energy spoke as an interpreter and filed for the action and gave an overview to the Commission. He stated the work planned to be done over the next few weeks and completed by June 5, 2008. Questions were asked by the Commission and discussion ensued. Chairman Richardson, no action taken.

3. Pease Development Authority – Boiling Springs Property

Prior to discussion, Chairman Richardson recused himself on discussion on what took place at the meeting. Ms. Lamson is the representative and took over the discussion. George is the point person on this. She then passed over the discussion to Mr. O'Reilly. Suggested sending a letter from both chairs properly signed stating that they are to getting half their money back and why can't they waiver the other half and explain why the land is so valuable, the aquifer, the wetlands, etc., and get right on it as soon as we can get the proposal to the PDA. He read from a letter that was confidential re: the subdivision/land/zoning, etc. (green area)

It was an informational meeting they attended. It's best the CC takes the lead. Peggy will have a packet ready for the next meeting. Ms. Lamson

would like to get the whole amount of \$450,000 back. She wanted to know where the money .was coming from. Jack said it was from a million dollar grant. Discussion ensued. Chairman Richardson back in meeting after discussion.

3a. Pease Development Authority Proposed Wetlands Ordinance.

Peggy Lamson complimented the Chairman on the “Comments on PDA Proposed Wetland Ordinance” document. He did a great job! Peter Britz just drafted the wetland plan. Chairman Richardson asked the Commission if they were comfortable with his comments and suggested doing a one page letter and sending it to Peter and a blind copy to the Portsmouth Conservation Commission. Jane Hislop moved to make a motion to accept comments under the auspice of the CC and to send it to the PDA and a copy to the Portsmouth CC with Mark West’s comments included. George Fletcher seconded the motion. All concurred, motion carried in the affirmative.

4. Pease Golf Course Project.

Restoration plan discussed. No action taken.

5. Correspondence, Invoices and Other Business.

Per Jack, Good news: By the end of May the Commission will own the forest, it’s already in the process. Discussion of the Khalsa property regarding the wire gate. Stephen Whitley’s memo, Prime wetlands re Superior Court discussed. Newington Energy, re fence along the pipeline fixed. Invoice from law firm (\$1900. Encumbered from last years budget) Bill for \$540 for draft of appeal to Superior Court. Chairman Richardson made a motion to pay the invoice. George seconded. Will use the encumbered funds to pay the bill. Peggy recused herself. All concurred, motion carried in the affirmative.

Low Impact Development Workshop-Chairman Richardson may attend and invite Greg Kirsch, Maria Stowell also. (June 12th). E-mail from John Ripley to Mark West requesting a simple research project for Ripley-Newington, NH. The CC is okay with this. Ms. Lamson moved that Mark West work with Mr. Ripley on the boardwalk. George Fletcher seconded, all concurred.

6. Appointments and Election of Officers.

Peggy Lamson moved to nominate Justin Richardson as Chairman. (One year term) George Fletcher seconded it. Peggy Lamson as Vice Chairman, Jane Hislop seconded it. Being no other motions, all concurred, motion carried in the affirmative. Doreen Stern needs to be appointed the Selectmen.

Adjournment: Moved by Chairman Richardson to adjourn, seconded by Jane Hislop.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

Submitted: Pearl Travis
Recorder/Transcriber

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