

The Town of Newington
New Hampshire – Incorporated 1764
Newington Conservation Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 10, 2007

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. Present were Justin Richardson, George Fletcher, Jane Hislop. Meeting temporarily suspended and reconvened at 7:10 p.m. Not present: Dorothy Watson and Peggy Lamson.

Visitors: Mark West, Joseph Griffin, Dwight Snow, and Gregg Mikolaities.

2. Presentation by **Mark West, West Environmental** concerning a survey of threatened and endangered species in the Town of Newington. Mark requested letter authorizing him to contact landowners when performing fieldwork. Mark would send a proposed letter to the chairman.

Mark spoke about his process for the survey. He will use the same techniques of Fish and Game Dept. and NH Natural Heritage Inventory. The process includes researching, mapping, field sampling, and photographing specific areas. Some of the land types include open grasslands, oak/hickory and black gum/red maple forests. Grasshopper sparrow, Upland Sandpiper (Plover), B. Bittersweet, terns, and New England Cottontail are various species to be identified.

3. **Boiling Springs Prime Wetland.** Discussion concerning potential purchase of the property by the Pease Development Authority. After discussion and review of supplemental packet, Commission voted to authorize the chairman to explore the possibility of acquiring the gravel rights or conservation easement using conservation funds with the understanding that the conservation funds would not be used without necessary approvals from the Commission and Selectmen. George made the motion, 2nd by Jane and passed by the CC. There also was discussion to have Tom check about the Current Use funds from the subdivision of this property.

4. **Allied Continental Development.** Application to the NH Department of Environmental Services to dredge and fill wetlands pursuant to RSA 482-A. Application No. 2007-00440. Presentation by the applicants. After discussion, the Commission requested that the applicant provide stormwater discharge calculations and other information for review at its next meeting in June. Joseph Griffin with Eckman Engineering presented the information to the CC.

5. **Fenton Groen Inc.** Dwight Snow and Gregg Mikolaities representing Appledore Engineering presented the information to the CC. Proposal to construct a 75-room Comfort Suites Hotel immediately north of Pizzeria Uno. Conceptual plan presented. Proponents requested feedback from the Commission concerning the

- proposal. General concept appeared acceptable, low impact design approaches were recommended with additional comments from the Commission. No formal action taken. Again the need to have a definition of surface water was brought up and the CC would like Mark West to provide one.
6. **Town Library.** Selectmen request for comments re: landscaping front entrance. After discussion, the Commission authorized Ms. Hislop to make recommendations to the Selectmen.
 7. **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Lower Peverly Pond,** Application for dam reconstruction. NHDES request for comments. No action taken.
 8. **Approval of Minutes for April 19, 2007.** Minutes approved with amendments contained in the supplemental package.
 9. **Pease Development Authority - Macintyre Brook, Beaver dam removal & correspondence.** Discussion concerning drainage, water quality, beaver dam removal with Barbara McDonald. No action taken.
 10. **Other Business:**
 - a. **Invoice for Mark West** – total \$671.60. Wilcox used Mark for wetland survey. Wilcox needs to (\$288.00 and 383.25) donate the amount to cover his service. George will ask for a check to made out to the CC with the approval from the Selectmen.
 11. Meeting Adjourned shortly after 9 p.m. Motion was made by George, 2nd by Justin.