

Town of Newington, NH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, July 9, 2009

Call to Order: Justin Richardson, Chair Person called the July 9, 2009 meeting at 6:45 PM.

Present: Justin Richardson, Chair Person; Margaret Lamson, Vice Chair; Nancy Cauvet; Jane Hislop; Dorene Stern; and Dottie Watson.

Departures: Margaret Lamson excused at 7:30pm

Not Present: George Fletcher

Public Guests: Tom Morgan, Town Planner.
Ken Berry, Surveyor for Jeff Hiatt, landowner;
Rick and Dorene Stern, landowners;
David **Elemon** Engineering for GCS Pest Management;
Jane Kendall applying for position as NCC Secretary

1. Jeff Hiatt, 80 Little Bay Road, Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit Application.

Reviewed construction plans. Mr. Hiatt indicated he would be keeping same square footage, and number of bedrooms; rototill packed gravel drive way and remove to replant grass on loam after removal of two out buildings, construction of new garage with master bedroom above, new decking and replacement of old guesthouse on same pilings. No trees on banking to be disturbed, and silt fencing will protect eel grass off shore. Mr. Hiatt came prepared with checks for payment to State of NH and Newington Town Clerk for application. Jane Hislop motioned to accept for minimal impact. Dorothy Watson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Hiatt and Berry asked for approval to repair deteriorating retaining walls on the banks adjacent to the bay. The Commission informed them that a DES permit is required to repair shoreline structures. Mr. Berry indicated he would advise his client of the requirements.

2. KWA, LLC – Shattuck Way (Flagstones). Conservation Easement.

The proposed conservation easement required by the Planning Board was discussed briefly. Dorene Sterns stated that she had a number of concerns regarding camping and other issues. The chairman asked that the Stern's

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identify state their concerns in a letter so that the issue could be addressed at the next regular meeting. No action taken.

3. Jane Kendall for Conservation Committee Secretary

The Chairman introduced Jane Kendall and indicated that she had expressed an interest in serving as secretary to take meeting minutes. The Commission explained responsibilities as an independent contractor and the Chairman proposed to offer \$16 per hour plus expenses for attending meetings and preparing minutes, etc., on a month to month basis, the same rate as used by the Planning Board. Dorothy Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that Jane would need the use of a tape recording machine for future meetings.

4. Tom Aspinwall, GCS Pest Management, Requesting Special Exception for Access, and Wetlands Dredge Fill Permit

David Elemon of Eckman Engineering presented an application for a dredge and fill permit application to the NHDES and a request for a special exception to place fill in wetlands.

The Chairman noted that the Commission had previously indicated that it would recommend approval if the plans integrated low impact development (LID) approaches, such as rain gardens, into the landscape design. After discussion, the Chairman made a motion to recommend approval of the wetlands application and issuance of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment subject to the condition that the landscape design include a rain gardens at SE corner and in the existing wetland (or adjacent thereto). It was noted by the Commission that the existing wetland on the property has low functions and values and that an appropriately designed rain garden could improve storm water management on the property due to the impervious native soils. Jane Hislop seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposal for Mark West to Review Railway Brook Restoration

The Chairman reviewed recent events related to the NH DOT Spaulding Turnpike Expansion, and that the NHDES had issued permits for the project even though the design was not final. The Commission reviewed correspondence requesting that Mark West of West Environmental serve as representative of Newington Conservation Commission on the interdisciplinary oversight team for the Railway Brook Restoration project, and that the Commission would pay for his time. Motion was seconded by Dorene Stern, and passed unanimously.

6. Town Forest Plans

A letter from Charlie Moreno of July 7, 2009 was reviewed. Jane Hislop said she called forester last Tuesday to review items on forest management plan list.

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There was a brief discussion as to which items on the list were priorities, and Tom Morgan suggested a work session to review possibilities, including where to put the Newington Town Forest sign. It was decided that the next meeting would be a work session at the Old Town Hall and a site visit should be held on **Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 6:30 pm.**

7. NH Audubon Request to Survey Upland Sandpiper Around Fox Point

After a brief discussion, Nancy Cauvet moved that the Newington Conservation Committee invite NH Audubon to survey upland sandpiper nesting sites around Fox Point as requested. Dorene Stern seconded and motion passed unanimously.

8. Minutes

Nancy Cauvet motioned approval of May 14, 2009 and June 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes and Jane Hislop seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was seconded by Jane Hislop. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at Town Library

Submitted: Jane K. Kendall, Secretary