

Town of Newington, NH
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 11, 2018

- Call to Order:** Co-Chair Jane Hislop called the January 11, 2017 meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Present:** Co-Chair Jane Hislop; Co-Chair Weiner; Commissioners Sandra Devin; Ann Morton; Alternate Jane Kendall and Town Planner, Gerald Coogan
- Absent:** Bill Murray
- Public Guests:** Paige Dickie with Civil Works New England

1) NHDES Permit Requests:

- a) DES request for additional comment on Minimum Impact Expedited Application #2017-03384 and review of Conditional Use Permit by Evelyn and Thomas Backowies for property located at 65 Nimble Hill Road, Tax Map 12, Lot 10B

This item was delayed to hear the following item first.

- b) Wetlands Permit Request for parking lot and landscape improvements at Great Bay Marine at 61 Beane Lane, Tax Map 6, Lot 9

Paige Dickie with Civil Works New England appeared before the Commission to present the proposal to update the parking and landscape at Great Bay Marine. She said they were removing some of the pavement and replacing it with pervious pavement.

Co-Chair Hislop asked about Lexi's Landing getting access for their supplies. Ms. Dickie replied that Great Bay Marine had decided not to make any changes for deliveries until another time.

Co-Chair Weiner asked if the road leading in from Beane Lane to Great Bay Marina would be repaved. Ms. Dickie said she didn't know, but she would ask.

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Co-Chair Weiner moved to recommend approval for the Wetlands Permit request for parking lot and landscape improvements at Great Bay Marine at 61 Beane Lane, Tax Map 6, Lot 9. Ann Morton seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- b) DES request for additional comment on Minimum Impact Expedited Application #2017-03384 and review of Conditional Use Permit by Evelyn and Thomas Backowies for property located at 65 Nimble Hill Road, Tax Map 12, Lot 10B

This item was delayed in order to hear the previous item first.

Town Planner, Gerald Coogan updated the Commission on the Backowies' parcel that had recently been sold to Michael and Robin Patenaude. He said the applicant appeared before the Newington Planning Board on Monday, January 8, 2018 regarding their request for a Conditional Use Permit for driveway access as well as their alteration of terrain for a pond, an additional garage and second septic system that was not allowed for a second garage. Mr. Coogan said the Planning Board also discussed abutter concerns for runoff so there might be conditions of approval.

The Commission went on to discuss Town wetland's consultant, Mark West's statement that he was able to identify wetlands from the soil hydrology, but he could get a fuller picture once the vegetation regrew in spring.

The Commission then discussed Mr. West's suggestion of placing markers around the wetlands buffer where there would be no cutting in mitigation for the previous cutting disturbance by the former owner and current owner. Commissioner Jane Kendall asked about Mr. Coogan if there was any progress in identifying a company that made wetlands buffer markers that the Town could provide to property owners. Mr. Coogan replied that he would call Mr. West and the Department of Environmental Services for suggestions.

2) Mitigation and Conservation Easements:

- a) Update on Conservation Easement discussions with John and Meg Ripley's property located at 50 Old Post Road, Tax Map 17, Lot 15

Mr. Coogan informed the Commission that Eversource would not release their mitigation funds to Newington, which had been earmarked toward a conservation easement on the Ripley property, until the "Seacoast Reliability" transmission expansion received FCC approval. He said he didn't expect that to happen until 2019. Co-Chair Weiner suggested that they ask Planning Board Chair, Denis Hebert to talk with Eversource's president to see if he could move the date up to 2018.

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The Commission reviewed previous discussions on the alternative possibility of turning a smaller parcel into an easement from the Ripley property with the Conservation Funds that had been set aside if they couldn't wait for the Eversource funds.

Jane Hislop moved to go into non-public session at 7 p.m. Jim Weiner seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

After a brief discussion, Jane Hislop moved to come out of public session at 7:15 p.m. Ann Morton seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- b) Update on site walk and meeting with DES regarding A.R.M. grant for shoreline restoration of Fox Point

Mr. Coogan passed out an email regarding the DES site walk on December 18, 2017 at Fox Point following the Moose Plate grant application. Mr. Coogan said he spoke with Lori Sumner with DES who thought the project might be eligible for an A.R.M. grant.

Mr. Coogan added that said that the Town had a fund for Fox Point, which they were going to use to match the Moose Plate grant, but having funds available would also add points toward an ARM's grant.

- c) DES correspondence regarding demolition of house at 170 Fabyan Point Road, Tax Map #, Lot #

Mr. Coogan said he would check with Town building inspector, Kevin Kelly to see if an applicant would be eligible to rebuild a structure in kind considering it was demolished without a permit.

3) Updates and Discussions:

Mr. Coogan informed the Commission that seven new Ordinance proposals would go before the town at Town Meeting in March 2018.

Mr. Coogan informed the Commission that Sandy Devins and Bruce Murray were up for re-appointment by April 1, 2018.

Co-Chair Hislop noted that the Commission was still short one person as well.

Co-Chair Hislop reminded the Commissioners that they would need to write a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen and then the Commission would need to reply with a recommendation.

Commissioner Sandy Devins commented that she was not sure if she would be able to attend meetings all the time.

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Co-Chair Hislop asked Commissioner Kendall if she would write a review for the 2017 Annual Report and to include an invitation to town's people for more participation. Commissioner Kendall suggested posting the invitation for volunteers on the Town board by the fire station and the Town website as well.

4) Correspondence and Invoices:

Jane Hislop moved to approve a payment of \$285 for the sign for Carter Rock. Sandy Devins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes: *Jim Weiner moved to approve the Minutes for the December 14, 2017. Ann Morton seconded, and all were in favor.*

Adjournment: *Jane Hislop moved to adjourn. Jim Weiner seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.*

Next Meeting: February 8, 2018

**Respectfully
Submitted by:** Jane K. Kendall, Recording Secretary

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These Minutes were approved and adopted at the February 8, 2018 Conservation Commission Meeting.