

Present: Paul Wainwright, Ray Gordon, Carole Hall, Peter McVay, Scott Kukshel

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Spinney, Dave Pacquette

Scott Kukshel, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Spinney presented a septic system site plan for their proposed house lot on Pine Knoll Dr. Map 19 Lot 49-13. They need to go before the zoning board of adjustment for a variance for the house to be located 56 ft and 52 ft from wetlands and for a septic system setback of 80 ft. from wetlands. They were looking for input. The commission suggested that they needed to see a plan of the entire lot, not just a partial plan, so they could make a determination whether or not the proposed wetland setbacks were necessary. The commission also requested information on soil types, value of wetlands and whether the wetlands were connected to larger wetlands or isolated pockets. The plan showed a 26 X 36 ft house on a part of the lot, only what was needed for septic approval by the state. The plan did not show enough information for the commission to offer reasonable input.

Secretary Report: Scott reviewed the preceding month's meeting: Girl Scouts discussed trails and trail blazing; Tim D. a potential new member was present; and prime wetland project was discussed.

Treasurer Report: No expenditures for this month. Dues were paid to NHACC and payment was submitted for three members for upcoming conference. April 1 was the cut-off for current use monies as per town meeting vote.

Dredge and Fill:

Bryant Woods Condo Assoc. Ray Gordon is an abutter to Bryant Woods. His property is about a mile from the proposed site of the project and has no environmental impact on him, so he may not fit the state definition of abutter.

This is a standard application for 900 sq ft of dam reconstruction. Members are familiar with the site because it is adjacent to the main road going thru

Bryant Woods. This dam blew out over a year ago due to storm damage and footbridge over dam was removed to side. Members reviewed the proposed dam reconstruction application.

Motion made by Paul Wainwright, seconded by Ray Gordon that commission saw no problem with proposal and recommended approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

Carole Hall will send letter to the state on behalf of the commission.

Dredge and Fill:

Joe Patuto 11 N. Broadway dug pond on property over 2 years ago. Was reported by commission to the state as a violation as a result of citizen complaints. Since then owner has been working with Wetland Preservation Inc. to develop an after-the-fact application for previously dug pond.

Unauthorized work totaled 2016 sq ft of dug pond including 86 linear ft. in intermittent stream channel on Map 3 Lot 2. Mark Jacobs is the wetland scientist for this project. There was sedimentation downstream during construction. Pond will need occasional maintenance. The application showed no cross section of pond or side slopes or siltation control.

Concerns of the commission regarding incomplete plan. But if work were removed, there is the concern of siltation again and question was raised whether or not we would have recommended approval of pond in a stream channel, would more damage occur if it were to be removed. Members think a fine is appropriate because construction equipment during work showed name of owner who has wetlands application experience.

Motion made by Carole Hall, seconded by Paul Wainwright to submit a letter requesting more detail of pond construction, that the state consider it as it would a new application, with concerns if pond were removed as to increased siltation, and administration fine as appropriate.

Motion passed unanimously.

ZBA meeting this week. Commission reviewed agenda. There are no items requiring conservation commission input.

Other Business: Jim Dougdale of the Boy Scouts requested use of field behind Community Center and in addition requested to be allowed an open fire. There is an obvious fire pit created on land. Concern about easement restrictions on conservation land. Scott will check with LCIP about state regulations and lay out conditions to boy scouts.

Rockingham Planning Commission is updating the NH GIS conservation layer including maps and data sheets for each parcel and any new lands that need to be included in update. Pete will review info for May meeting.

Scott has done an EXCEL spread sheet of town lands.

Prime Wetland Study: Paul discussed status of prime wetland study. The selectmen have signed the RFP. The prebid meeting is scheduled for Mon April 29 7:30 pm at Atkinson Town Hall. RFP requests are going out to about 200 soil/wetland scientists. Copying, envelope stuffing and mailing preparation will be done Tues afternoon at town hall beginning at 1 pm. Paul, Ray and Carole volunteered to do the work.

Betournay land: Scott and Paul discussed this proposed easement donation and are scheduling a walk later this week on the Betournay's land.

Appointments: Scott discussed there are two openings on the commission. He had recommended Tim as member and Michelle Veasey as alternate. Ray wants to stay as alternate. Phil Sansone has one year left on his term and has been unable to make meetings.

Guest, Dave Pacquette, said he is a potential volunteer so Scott gave an explanation of who we are, what we do, our role with the state and local role with PB and ZBA.

Pete MaVay had two items: He had contacted the web site developer about developing a conservation commission site. He had contacted state grants about ESRI program.

Three members are planning to attend an all-day workshop in lakes region on land conservation trust. Ray Gordon, Pete McVay and Paul Wainwright.

Motion to adjourn: Carole Hall, second Pete McVay. Passed Unanimously.

Next regularly scheduled meeting May 6, 2002 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.

NOTE: Pre-bid meeting is April 29, 2002 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall