

**GREENLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, September 8, 2008

Members Present: Chair Rick Mauer, Vice Chair Chip Hussey, Nancy Zuba, Jane Man, Deborah Beck and Wallace Berg, Alternate

Agenda

Chair Mauer opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. and asked for a roll call of the attending Board Members (see listed above).

1. Discuss and review Nisource Gas Co. expedited wetlands application

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Nisource Gas Co. expedited wetlands application for tax map R21 & 279 in the right-of-way (attachment 1). The application is for the purpose of moving the gas line in order to widen Route 33, in connection with the Packard Development project. After the review and discussion, it was determined that changes were necessary and in order. The plans were forwarded without comment.

2. Presentation of Dredge & Fill wetlands application: William Hutchins, 3 Meloon Road, (Map R15, Lot 8)

Mr. William Hutchins, 3 Meloon Road, presented an incomplete site plan for review. The plan, previously presented to the Commission and DES in August, has a DES File Number 2008-00867 (attachment 2). DES returned the plan to the owner for additional work. The Commission, after extensive discussion, advised Mr. Hutchins that he might want to consider getting professional assistance from an engineer, soil scientist and Rockingham County Extension (for a manure management program), as there are two different statutes involved, as well as town ordinances. It was also noted that the septic system is in failure and property covenants may have been violated.

3. Approve August 4th minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of August 4th. After the review, the following motion was made:

Motion 1: Chip Hussey moved to approve the August 4th minutes as submitted. Wally Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Review mail

The Commission reviewed various mail correspondence.

5. Other Business & Adjournment

Mr. Berg proposed 5 action items requiring Commission consideration and approval as follows (attachment 3):

- a. The need and benefits to be derived from a "Prime Wetlands Study". Availability of grant monies, application procedures and availability of Town matching funds was discussed. It was voted to begin the application process and coordinate with the Selectmen and Planning Board.
- b. Non-availability of Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) funds was discussed. The Commission believes that it would be appropriate to initiate such action as may be needed to establish a Conservation Fund re: RSA 36-A:4. After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion 2: Chip Hussey moved to originate this process of supplemental funding. Wally Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Initiate paperwork to have a warrant article in March 2009 for permanent land use funding for conservation needs as authorized by statute.
- d. A request for GPS training funds, in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 was for a new alternate member. After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion 3: Chip Hussey moved to approve GPS training funds not to exceed an amount of \$200.00. Wally Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

- e. A proposal was made to reorganize the Commission (members were provided a written study). The Commission decided to study and continue this discussion at the October meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Motion 4: Chip Hussey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. and Deb Beck seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Attachments:

1. Nisource Gas Co. expedited wetlands application, dated 8-29-08
2. Dredge & Fill application, 3 Meloon Road, dated 8-12-08
3. Discussion topics, submitted by Wallace Berg
4. Agenda, dated 9/8/08

Approved by the Greenland Conservation Commission on October 6, 2008.