

**GREENLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, October 5, 2009

Members Present: Vice Chair Chip Hussey, Jean Eno, Jane Man and Jill Scahill, Alternate

Member Absent: Chair Rick Mauer and Nancy Zuba

Staff: Theresa Walker, R.P.C.

Agenda

Vice Chair Hussey opened the meeting at 7:03 P.M. and asked for a roll call of the attending Board Members (see listed above).

1. Plan review for a minor subdivision; 1039 Portsmouth Avenue, (Map R10, Lot 31)[Owners: Deborah Beck & Brian Beck].

Deborah Beck approached the Commission to present and receive comments on a proposed minor subdivision plan. She indicated she applied to the Planning Board, in September, for a backlot subdivision. The application was not accepted yet and is still in the review process. She explained a brief history of the property, which included: her grandfather purchased the property in 1940 as a tax deeded property, in 1998 her father (who owned it at that time) gifted the property to her and her brother as 50% owners in common. She stated she has been living there and paying all of the property taxes until three years ago, at which time, her brother was to pay his share, but has not, and the property is currently under review for tax deed. Ms. Beck noted her and her brother have been to court and a mediation agreement was drafted outlining what needs to be done to settle this matter, which requires Ms. Beck to subdivide the property into two lots.

Ms. Beck proceeded to outline the subdivision proposal. She stated she wished to subdivide one 60,000 square foot lot out of the original parcel. Her plan is to create a backlot subdivision, which will be accessed by a 20-foot fee simple driveway, under a conditional use permit, per Subdivision Regulation 4.4.1 b. She indicated she is going to ask NH DOT for a driveway permit, which would run alongside the driveway owned by Troy Thibodeau at 945 Portsmouth Avenue. Ms. Beck noted the culvert under Mr. Thibodeau's driveway is totally blocked, which is causing drainage issues on her property. She stated there are two 8" pipes going to the culvert, one of which is crushed and the other is clogged; she's hoping to work with DES, the Town and Mr. Thibodeau regarding the blocked culvert. Ms. Beck stated she also plans on working with DES to resolve other drainage issues.

After the review, the following motion was made:

Motion 1: Chip Hussey moved to not recommend the plan as submitted for the following reasons: 1). No wetlands delineation noted on plan even though there is a known crossing and unnamed seasonal stream; 2). Proposed driveway is not the least impacting plan, would recommend using the existing 50' wide right of way; 3). The wetland delineation was not done, therefore the setbacks are not known; 4). Plan is not complete; 5). Recommend a minimum impact wetland's application be submitted to DES. Jill Scahill seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Review final Natural Resource Inventory

The Commission deferred the Natural Resource Inventory review, due to the final maps not being completed. Ms. Walker, RPC, stated the final product would be released at the October 15th Winnicut Dam Restoration Celebration.

3. Review 2010 budget

The Commission reviewed the current budget and decided the only change they wished to make for 2010 would be to increase the education line item to \$299.00 and decrease the betterment projects line item to \$1.00. This change will not increase their overall budget. After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion 2: Chip Hussey moved to increase the education line item to \$299.00 and decrease the betterment projects line item to \$1.00. Jean Eno seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hussey indicated he would speak to the Town Administrator regarding this change.

4. Approve September 14th minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of September 14th minutes. Ms. Eno stated she made a minor change to these minutes regarding the distribution time frame of the outreach newspaper and the secretary has already revised them. After further review, the following motion was made:

Motion 2: Chip Hussey moved to approve the September 14, 2009 minutes, as amended. Jean Eno seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Review Mail and Any Other Business

1. The Commission reviewed the annual on-site mitigation monitoring report for the Packard Development site.
2. The Commission reviewed the DES denial regarding the wetlands application for 6 Drake Drive.
3. The Committee discussed potential warrant articles. Theresa Walker from RPC will assist in drafting the following four:
 - a. Appoint up to seven (7) members to the Conservation Commission per NH RSA 36-A:3 (Presently, the Town has a five (5) member Conservation Commission);
 - b. Authorize up to \$15,000 for the Conservation Commission to use in matching potential grant fund opportunities and conducting natural and water resource

- research and education; c. Authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization. The Town will not retain interest in the property; d. Authorize the deposit of 100% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax), up to \$50,000, in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. These proposed warrant articles will be further discussed at the November 2nd meeting.
4. The Commission was updated on work that Ms. Scahill and Ms. Eno have been doing on creating a Winnicut River watershed advisory group/coalition. Colin Lawson has also been assisting. Outreach will be directed toward citizens and other members from each of the three surrounding communities of the Winnicut River watershed: Greenland, North Hampton and Stratham. More information on the outreach will be presented and available at the upcoming Dam Removal Celebration event on October 15th.
 5. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on November 2, 2009.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. The following motion was made:

Motion 2: Jean Eno moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. and Chip Hussey seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Attachments:

1. Agenda, dated 10/5/09

Approved by the Greenland Conservation Commission on November 2, 2009.