

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for May 18, 2010 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Chairman-John Goodhue, Vice-Chairman, Lee Duncan; Douglas Hill; Chuck Coons; Tom Drouin and Terry Stewart.

Members Absent: Everett McLaughlin, Larry Routhier, Donald Sibson and Carole Hall.

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by J. Goodhue at 7:05 p.m.

Establish a quorum

J. Goodhue announced a quorum is established.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. APPLICATIONS:

Standard Dredge & Fill, McGinely Development

Applicant proposes to permanently impact 8,890 sq. ft. of wetlands and temporarily impact 143 sq. ft. of wetlands in order to upgrade existing culverts, restore natural stream channels, and construct a commercial development located on Tax Map & Lot #210-010.002, #210-010.003, #210-011.002 located at 22 Sawmill Rd. in Gilford, NH

Discussion:

Jeff Lewis of Northpoint Engineering and Tracy Starr of Stoney Ridge Environmental Services, agents representing the application.

J. Lewis reviewed the application for the Commission and explained they received site plan approval from the Planning Board and have submitted an application to the NHDES. He reviewed the three separate lots and the proposed site plan applications and wetland impacts for each lot. He explained they submitted one application for the wetland impacts to the NHDES.

Tracy Tarr made a presentation explaining the previous and existing wetland conditions on site. She explained the property is a successful Brown Field Remediation Site. She said there are five (5) wetland impacts on site and she reviewed the functions and values of those wetlands. Some of the wetlands are considered "low" in their "function and values" as far as wildlife habitat and flood control and their creation could be a result of the remediation work. The other wetlands are of a higher value for wildlife habitat and flood control. She reviewed the plantings

for the buffer that will be native species and enhance the wetlands.

C. Coons asked how much fill will be brought into the site. J. Lewis explained at the highest point there will be about eight (8) feet of fill brought in and he added there is no limit to the amount of fill that can be brought into the site. He spoke about the size of the culverts being proposed are 5' x 5' in order to be able to handle the flow on the site. There will also be some type of stream bed restoration and an increase in the size of the other culverts on site. He said they have had a pre-application meeting with NHDES and they know that NHDES does not like using an existing wetland for treatment outlet, but because of the water line easement and the low value of the wetlands, the NHDES has not denied the application yet, although they have not received all the comments back from the NHDES. He reviewed all the sites and said each lot has their own on-site runoff treatment and each lot has to apply for their own Alteration of Terrain Permit. He reviewed all the catch basins and their functions and said they will meet all the Alteration of Terrain requirements. He said J. Lewis said the NHDES will be looking for deed restrictions and maintenance reports for the site as part of the approval.

D. Hanley asked about other retention methods and J. Lewis said they think they have a good system for the site and commented there is not a lot of other option on the market.

T. Stewart asked about the capacity of the runoff chambers. J. Lewis said all the basins are located in specific area in order to handle the flow if site and the additional runoff from abutting properties.

J. Goodhue would like to do a site walk because it is a delicate site and it plays an important role to the impacts of Jewett Brook. He also commended the applicant on some of the design features and efforts relating to the impacts on the site.

J. Lewis said the Alteration of Terrain Permit and the Standard Dredge & Fill application will be submitted together and they hope the NHDES will approve them together.

Action (if any) To hold a site walk.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by C. Coons, to hold a Site Walk on May 25, 2010 at 4:00 PM.

Motion carried with all in favor.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Al Kirkman-Lake Shore Park- Milfoil

Discussion: He presented the Commission with a 2009 Milfoil plan approved by the NHDES for Lake Shore Park. He highlighted the year 2012 where it was recommended that 2 4-D be used in 2012. He explained Amy Spagnula from the NHDES did a site walk with him and they used GPS to map out the locations of the milfoil and they determined they would have to treat .9 acres instead of 2.0 acres as originally approved for. A. Spagnula said based on the site walk the

NHDES would recommend another treatment of 2, 4-D in this instance and continue with the hand pulling. A. Kirkman explained the siltation issue on the south side of Route 11 that deposits a tremendous amount of silt into the marina. He said he will have to get another NHDES Standard Dredge & Fill permit for the marina. He said he has contacted the NHDOT for assistance.

He is proposing to move the previously approved 2012 application of 2-4 d from 2012 forward to 2010 and then not use 2-4 d again and only use hand pulling for the duration of the approved Milfoil removal plan and do hand pulling in the future for as long as possible.

He stated if there is any 2-4 d used between now and 2014 they will return the money they borrowed from the town.

The Commission agreed to provide the funding only for the hand pulling portion of milfoil removal.

Action (if any) To allocate \$3,100.00 of the Invasive Species Fund to Lake Park for hand pulling of milfoil.

Motion: Motion made by L. Duncan, seconded by T. Drouin, to allocate \$3,100.00 from the Invasive Species Fund for hand pulling milfoil at Lake Shore Park.

2. Nancy Rendall-NRI Update.

Discussion: Nancy was not in attendance and the Commissioners had no comment.

5. PRESENTATIONS- None at this time.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin

7. MINUTES- April 20, 2010 meeting

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan, to approve the minutes from April 20, 2010 meeting as amended. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by L. Duncan, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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