

Gilford Conservation Commission
Minutes for March 6, 2012 Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Vice Chairman-Lee Duncan; Regular Members: Everett McLaughlin; Larry Routhier, Tom Drouin, Carole Hall and Alternate Members: John Jude and Donald Sibson.

Members Absent:

Chairman-John Goodhue and Regular Member Douglas Hill,

Others in attendance:

Patricia Tarcy, Executive Director, Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association

Call meeting to order:

The meeting was called to order by L. Duncan at 7:00 p.m.

Establish a quorum

L. Duncan announced that a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by L Routhier, seconded by T. Drouin, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. APPLICATIONS:

1. Jay & Ann Poppleton/Winnepesaukee Marine Construction
Standard Dredge and Fill Application
282 Edgewater Dr, Tax Map & Lot # 218-013.000
Applicant is proposing to install five piling to support a permanent boat lift and 14' x 30' seasonal canopy.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and had some discussion. L. Routhier asked how tall the canopy was. L. Duncan stated that it was 13' tall.

L. Duncan stated that they would be using some corrugated material instead of canvas, so they can remove it at the end of the season and that the frame would just stay in place year round. This would be better than canvas due to high winds, etc. They then reviewed some of the photographs that had been submitted with the application.

General discussion pertaining to the application and as to why there should be 6 pilings and not 5 as applicant is requesting. Also the Commission stated that they didn't see anything pertaining to the pitch or cross section of the proposed canopy.

MOTION:

Motion by C. Hall, seconded by D. Sibson that a place hold letter be sent to the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau, also have the applicant/agent explain why there wasn't a 6th piling and request for details on the canopy roof with regard to the pitch and cross section. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Lynne Createau
Wetlands Permit Applicant/Standard Review, Minimum Impact
7 Mark Island, Tax Map & Lot #245-007.000
Applicant is proposing to replace the existing 6' x 30' seasonal dock NH Wetlands approval #1999-00682, with a 6' x 40' seasonal dock and anchoring pad. The anchoring pad will be 4' x 7'. The additional impact, dock & pad, will be 88 sq. ft.

Discussion:

The commission reviewed and discussed the application. There was some general discussion on the steepness, the steps and also that it was facing the Timber Island side.

L. Duncan stated that it is an existing dock; they are just replacing it and extending it.

Motion: Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by C. Hall, to approve the application as submitted. Motion carried with all in favor.

- 3 Ann & Charles Ehrlich
Wetlands Permit Application/Expedited Review, Minimum Impact
61 Shore Rd, Tax Map & Lot #217-089.000
Applicant is proposing the installation of one 40' long x 1' wide x 3' high retaining wall & one 60' long wall 1' x 3' high retaining wall to support grade & minimize slope. The remainder of the slope will be planted w/native plant material.

Discussion:

The commission reviewed the application and looked at the plans and discussed the application. They decided that they needed further explanation and that they had questions pertaining to the measurements that weren't really clear.

Motion: Motion made by T. Drouin, seconded by D. Sibson, to send a place hold letter on it to the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau, and to send a request to the applicant/owner to come to the next meeting of March 20, 2012 for discussion and explanation of the application, mainly pertaining to the measurements that aren't really clear. Motion carried with all in favor.

4. PRESENTATIONS

1 Pat Tarpy will present the LWVA education program.

Pat Tarpy stated that she came to the meeting to discuss something with the Commission. The basic idea is to get a floating field class room and that she believes it is past time when Winnepesaukee should have one. This would be geared for summer time fun and water quality testing, maybe for summer camps, schools, etc. She's already contacted the University of New Hampshire and they are on board for offering equipment.

Possibly having school day trip programs will also be offered, so that students can learn and feel as they are part of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association.

She will need a boat, and a place to keep it, life jackets and those types of things. She was thinking that a pontoon boat would be the best option for getting around with large groups.

T. Drouin asked if there was a cost associated with this project. P. Tarpy replied that she was working on that proposal currently.

L. Routhier asked if a license was required. P. Tarpy stated a commercial boating license would be needed and that she would like at least two people on the boat at all time. She felt that it would be best for safety measures to have the extra person. P. Tarpy stated that she had been told that the toughest part of all this will be getting the commercial boating license. J. Jude stated that it wasn't really that tough, and that they offer it at certain locations, for a fee.

L. Duncan stated that the idea was to get the word out with regard to this program.

T. Drouin stated that he thinks that it would be a great idea, with a cost plan in place and some other items; He couldn't see why other towns wouldn't be on board with it.

J. Jude stated that he did have a boat that was available. P. Tarpy would like to discuss that further with J. Jude at another time.

P. Tarpy stated that it was all she had for the Commission at this time. The Commission thanked P. Tarpy for coming in and making the presentation.

2. J. Jude to briefly talk on 'Jewett Brook' issues from Laconia meeting.

J. Jude stated that he did go to the meeting recently in Laconia and that it is important to remember that it is a precursor to what is coming. J. Jude named off some of the

people that were presenters at the meeting. He stated that it was about a 2 hour meeting, but well worth it. He stated that most of the concern was pertaining to the bridge on Union Ave in Laconia, and that it was #1 on the project list. He stated that when the presentation was being made they had a high and low end list, which he then went over with the Commissioners.

Discussion ensued with regard to the information on Jewett Brook.

J. Jude stated that Matt a representative from Dubois in King could come and speak with the Commissioners in Gilford. E. McLaughlin asked how much that would cost. J. Jude wasn't sure of any cost. It was discussed that a second meeting was to take place in Laconia.

Motion:

Motion made by E. McLaughlin, seconded by C. Hall to find out about setting up a presentation in Gilford similar to the one in Laconia. Discuss request with Luke Powell of Laconia, Department of Public Works and Matt from Dubois in King. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

1. New DES Wetland permits and 'Administrative rules'.

Discussion:

L. Duncan stated that they have new applications and he would like the Commission to review them and the administrative codes as well. L. Duncan stated that the Commission can discuss the information at the next meeting.

2. C. Hall brought up the upcoming Site Study meeting on March 12, 2012.

Discussion:

C. Hall asked the other Commissioners if they had any issues pertaining to the 30 acres on Cotton Hill Rd, owned by Blue Sky Enterprises. She stated that the applicant would be at the site study meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012 and that they are proposing a 13-lot subdivision. E. McLaughlin stated that he had two issues and the first concerned previous dumping of waste on the property and the second item would be maybe adding a buffer around the brook. He stated the property is in current use and that if they come out of it, it could mean some money for the conservation trust.

6. THE MCLAUGHLIN REPORT-by Everett McLaughlin:

(If Needed)~Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

Motion:

Motion made by E. McLaughlin, seconded by C. Hall, to go into non-public session.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion:

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by T. Drouin, to come out of non-public session.
Motion carried with all in favor.

7. MINUTES: February 21, 2012

Motion made by L. Routhier, seconded by C. Hall to approve the minutes from February 21, 2011 as presented. Motion carried with all in favor with D. Sibson and T. Drouin abstaining.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by C. Hall, seconded by Drouin to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hart
Secretary