

Conservation Commission
March 8, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Members Present: Janet Cote, Sandra Heaney, Karen Bemis and Richard Batchelder.

Absent: Carroll Brown Jr., Bonnie MacGillivray Blount, and Rebecca Mani.

Minutes Review and Approval:

Sandra Heaney stated that they could not approve the minutes of November 1, 2017 or February 8, 2018 because they did not have enough members present that had attended the meetings. She said they would vote at the next meeting. Sandra Heaney motioned to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017, seconded by Richard Batchelder. The commission voted to approve the minutes with **3 in favor – 1 Abstained** the motion passed.

Correspondence Review: Info Requests, Wetlands/Shoreland Permits, and Applications, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Committee notices etc.

Janet Cote said the Planning Board has a meeting March 16, 2018 for a minor site continued for 16 to 20 Central Street. They also have Turner Cottages continued and a possible PCC. The Zoning Board had a meeting March 8, 2018 they had the Thomas Fitzpatrick Central Square project which has a special exception. Janet said she will follow up on that. Sandra Heaney will continue to attend Planning Board meetings on behalf of Conservation Commission. HDC cancelled their meeting because it is on Election Day.

New Business: Review any New Wetlands/Shoreland Permits/Applications/Issues

- Wetlands Permit Application – 30 Mt. Celo Road, Map 18-Lot 111, Matt Wood

Janet Cote said that Matt Wood is doing the work at 30 Mt. Celo Road. They have asked for an expedited permit. They want to install 49.5 feet of 3” diameter keyed boulders on fabric bedding to stabilize and protect the eroding bank. Then install low lying native species plants to further stabilize and intercept road storm water runoff. Sandra Heaney noted they have divided the property into two parcels so they could potentially sell the beach if they wanted. Janet Cote said the State right of way divides the property. Janet Cote stated that looking at this project they have done everything they need to do for an expedited review and the application is complete. It is her guess that the DES will approve the application with standard conditions. Richard Batchelder also said that they are doing everything right. They do need to adhere to

the 20' setback and it would be nice if improvements could be made right along adjacent properties. Janet Cote also said that they can only do their property and encourage others to do the same. If there is an association they would most likely all have to do it separately due to lot lines etc. Karen Bemis asked if Powell was the owner and Matt Wood was the agent for him. Sandra Heaney said yes, however there were two owners on the property. Karen Bemis asked if both the abutters were notified and would they need to respond. Janet Cote said yes they were, but the abutters wouldn't contact the commission they would contact the state. Sandra Heaney said that they would also need a special use permit from the Planning Board for approval. Janet Cote said if the commission approves the project Raymah the town clerk would process it and send it to the state. The committee will also need to authorize the chair to sign off on the approval. Sandra Heaney motioned to approve the project and authorize Janet Cote as the chair of the commission sign off and forward it to Raymah to send it to the state, seconded by Richard Batchelder. The vote was **4 in favor – 0 opposed** and the motion passed.

- Email Correspondance from Land Use Office regarding runoff pollution to Newfound Lake in the area of Rte. 3A at 1670 Lake Street.

Janet Cote said she received an email from Christina Goodwin regarding the runoff to Newfound Lake. She said Christina had reached out to DES and said that we need to keep this at the top of our priorities list. Sandra Heaney asked who's jurisdiction this was under. Janet Cote said that the runoff also comes from Hemlock Brook and that it is a bigger issue than just the Red Fox runoff area. If you look at the blue home by the brook the beach area is filling in. There is not much water there and has a lot more plant life. Sandra Heaney said that Boyd had a conversation with the Red Fox area and a proposal for Northern Pass mitigation was developed and submitted but turned down. She suggested we talk to the Planning Board to discuss possible steep slope ordinances. Janet Cote said that the Commission can only do something about this only if there is a project application. We can let DES know as we did [that] for Hemlock Brook issues because the flooding goes right into the lake. Right now there is not a lot of new building or construction going on in that area. Sandra Heaney stated that there are bigger and bigger rain events happening now. Richard Batchelder said that it is really showing up on the lake. Janet Cote said that a person from DES walked the whole area and that there were all dirt roads up above there. She wonders if they could silt fence it all the way down the brook and maybe the town could do some drainage like they did at Cummings Beach. It may be a good possibility for a solution. She said she would talk with Christina to see if a project could be done with the state or town. We should keep this foremost in our minds. Sandra Heaney said that whatever is going on up there we do need to think about establishing steep slope ordinances. Janet Cote said maybe we can have land use come to our next meeting and discuss this further.

Old Business:

Sandra Heaney told Janet Cote that while she was away the commission sent the letter to Dr. Carlson regarding the snowmobile club and it had been returned. She said she had been wondering why we still hadn't heard from them. She resent the letter to his P.O. Box. She also said that he is not doing anything there. Sandra also told Janet Cote about 94 Browns Beach Road the Doug Williams project did go to the Planning Board and they asked him to come back with a plan for impervious cover because per his Shoreland Permit conditions, he can't have more than 56% impervious coverage. The applicant was asked if he could [to] move the building back out of the 50' setback and he said he couldn't do it. Janet Cote said we would be hard pressed to make him do it because it's existing. Sandra Heaney said the final decision is up to the Planning Board and stated that if he took down the shed he could move the building back.

Janet Cote said that the next scheduled meeting would be April 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM. She also said she would be away in May.

Adjournment:

Richard Batchelder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen Bemis. The motion was approved **4 in favor-0 opposed** and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Vogan

Amended 4/4/2018