

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 5, 2021

APPROVED: 6/2/21

AGENDA: WETLAND PERMITTING: JASON & PAMELA BOND, 10 North Pike's Point Rd,
#106-016
POSSIBLE WORKSHOP ITEMS

ATTENDING: Carroll Brown (Chair- via Zoom & phone), Janet Cote (Vice Chair-Zoom), Richard Batchelder , Karen Bemis (via Zoom), Jason Moore (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Bonnie MacGillivray-Blout

OTHER: Christina Goodwin (Land Use Manager)

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and Mr. Batchelder read the regulations for Zoom meetings. The meeting opened with a quorum by roll call vote 5-0. As Mr. Brown was having connection difficulties, he asked the Vice Chair, Janet Cote, to run the meeting.

MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2021:

K. Bemis made a motion, second by C. Brown, to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried via roll call vote 4-0-1.

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Ms. Goodwin explained that the applicants must get a Special Use Permit for the work being proposed in the Wetland's application and therefore, the Commission did not need to discuss the case at this time. .

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Wetland Permitting Information

Mr. Brown stated that he spoke to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) about signing applications and providing someone to attend the meetings for a training session. DES cannot send anyone for training and directed Mr. Brown to their website. Mr. Brown intends to go over the website and will send the members the link so they can do the same. Mrs. Cote suggested that they set up a workshop when the weather gets nice, after we have read the information on the website. Mr. Brown felt that we might do this at our next meeting.

Ms. Goodwin gave an example of a problem she has had. For the Holiday Hills property, she received a letter from DES that wanted the Commission to provide any feedback within three (3) days after receiving, but it arrived two (2) weeks after it was sent. Mrs. Cote stated that this is what has been happening right along. Mr. Moore asked if the application comes to us and to the State at the same time. Mrs. Cote answered that there are two (2) types, as she understands it. There is the expedited and the regular. One(1) has five (5) copies that comes to the Town and we just get a copy of the other. Mrs. Cote asked if Ms. Goodwin needs a timetable for accomplishing the review of the website and workshop. Ms. Goodwin did not think that would be necessary.

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Other Workshops

Ms. Goodwin as if the Commission would like to set up other workshops (for both the Commission and for the public). The Commission will think about ideas to discuss.

Zoning Amendments

Ms. Goodwin added that any Zoning amendments that the Commission would like to address must be done soon to meet the Planning Board's timetable. Mr. Brown had asked the State about the 125-foot setback versus their 50-foot setback for septic systems and was told the difference might be cleaner water. He thought that we might need to pull in a wetland specialist. Mrs. Cote suggested that we might need to look at the different types of septic systems that are out there now. They could require different setbacks.

Contractor Issues

Mr. Brown also asked the State about contractors who do not follow the rules. He was told to talk to Jeff Blecharczyk about these types of issues. Ms. Goodwin will follow up with him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – BY-LAWS:

The Commission looked over the remaining proposed by-law changes.

- Article VII, Conflict of Interest – After much discussion, it was decided to keep the wording but switch the two paragraphs.
- Article VIII, Duties/Powers/Functions – Mr. Brown asked if we need to do the procedures and Ms. Goodwin stated that some groups do. The RSA numbers concerning Conservation Commissions will be listed at the beginning of this section. Ms. Goodwin can include the individual procedures in the member packets.
- Article IX, Amendment to the by-laws – Okay as is.
- Article X, Adoption of bylaws – Okay as is.

Ms. Goodwin was instructed to remove terms of the members and update the names.

Ms. Goodwin will make the changes and have them reviewed by the Town Attorney. They should be ready for our next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Brown stated that he saw a for sale sign for 5 acres of a 17-acre lot off Upper Birch Drive. It was concerning that the property seems to have a lot of wetland area and that the property had not been subdivided. The Commission looked at the property map with the wetland overlay and could not see how a house could be built and have a septic system.

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NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

Mr. Brown said that he looked at the property on Camelot Acres (discussed previously). He felt it did not look as bad now that the snow is gone. Ms. Goodwin thought that fill had been added. Mr. Batchelder will take another look at it.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held June 2, 2021 at 6:00pm.

With no other business before the Commission, R. Batchelder made a motion, second by K. Bemis, to adjourn at 8:25pm. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere
Land Use Associate