

Conservation Commission Meeting
May 9, 2019

Meeting Opened: 6:04 pm

Members Present: Francis Chase, Sue Foote, Al Mueller, James Sanborn & Judie Walker.

Guests: Shooting Range Committee

Lisa Wise & Amanda Stone of UNH Ext. Sea Grant

Janet Claire Dow, Elephant Rock Road

Henry Boyd, & David Beati of Millennium Engineering

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes of March 4th: Sue Foote

Second: Al Mueller

Unanimous

Motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2019: Sue Foote

Second: Al Mueller

Unanimous

NHDES:

- The Conservation Commission received a Wetlands Permit Application 12 Cross Beach Road. This project proposed bank stabilization along a tidal creek and includes geogrid, crushed shells, stone and salt marsh vegetation plantings. It includes 1,315 SF of permanent impact to intertidal flat and salt marsh.

Other:

- Janet Claire came to the meeting to see if there were any updates on Elephant Rock Road. The resident of Elephant Road has told Janet that he owns the land and the rock. Francis will investigate the 15 Elephant Rock Road Property.
 - The Planning Board can nullify his lot if he is not complying with the rules of the subdivision.
 - The police and the Code Enforcement Officer also should get involved with this property. It looks like he is using the land for storage.

- Lisa Wise of UNH extension & NH Sea Grant and Amanda Stone her colleague are currently working with towns/conservation commissions around the coast to bring them information. They came tonight to discuss 5 ways Conservation Commissions can protect Coastal Land and Water Resources in a changing climate.
 - #1 Develop Land Conservation criteria that incorporate these climate-related benefits.
 - #2 Use the data to identify strategic conservation and restoration priority areas.
 - #3 Match priorities with potential fundings sources and reference the data when applying for funding for conservation and restoration projects
 - #4 Incorporate information about these benefits into your Natural Resource Inventory, Conservation plan, and other documents.
 - #5 Emphasize these benefits when communicating about the importance of natural resource protection.
 - Lisa and Amanda also brought in a few maps to show us :
 - Map 1: Flood Risk Reduction Opportunity Areas.
 - Map 2: Buffers for Water Quality.
 - Map 3: Single and Multiple Benefits.
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- Seabrook Gun Range Committee came to see the conservation commission to discuss the future of the gun range. The committee consists of Ollie Carter, Bobby Brown, Don Felch, James Goldthwaite, Curtis Slayton, Brett Walker and Bill Edwards. The Board of Selectman told them to form a committee which they did. They brought in a draft of the Shooting Range rules. The BOS wants the committee to adopt a model that does not require any taxpayer subsidy, either for operations or capital expenses. They are hoping the Conservation Commission will work with the range for advisement and financial support. Once the range is up and running they will pay back the Conservation Commission. They committee will be presenting to the BOS on June 3rd.
 - The Committee is looking to purchase 3 bullet traps for the range which will cost \$25,000.
 - Safety Regulators and fence in the area. They are hoping to get donations for the fencing.
 - They will be charge for membership and Conservation Commission will oversee the Shooting range since they are under the state statue the Town Forrest which is under the Conservation Jurisdiction.
 - They are hoping to get the range up and running efficiently by the fall of 2019.

- Francis would like the shooting range to come back and show the progress and the next phases they will be working on. Let the Conservation Commission know if the BOS accept the presented plan.

- Conservation would like Rick Friberg of TEC to draw up a plan. Selectman Khan and Town Manager Manzi said they would cover the engineering costs.
 - Motion Sue - Conservation Commission will support the idea of the shooting range and is willing to assist and making it become a reality.*
 - Second - Jim Sanborn*
 - Unanimous.*

- Henry Boyd and David Beati of Millennium Engineering came to the meeting to discuss 175 Atlantic Avenue which is a double lot they are representing. The new owners would like to get a variance to subdivide the lot. As it is now they have a fence on town property. They want to put up a new fence on their property and restore the dunes on town property. They are looking to apply for a minimum expedite permit from the State. The residents will pay for all the restorations. The Conservation Commission would like a condition added in the permit that there is no access to the beach on town property. They must use the town boardwalk right next to their property.

Sue Foote made a motion to accept the expedited permit and when Henry gets the plans made Francis Chase will sign the permit.

Motion: Sue Foote
Second Al Mueller
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm
 Next Meeting: July 1, 2019
 Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary