

Conservation Commission Meeting
September 11, 2017

Meeting Opened: 6:15 pm

Members Present: Sue Foote, Al Mueller, Mike Colin, Francis Chase and Judie Walker.

Guests: Alyson Eberhardt UNH Coop. Extension
Pat Farrell of 12 Cross Beach Road dredge and fill application.
Arleigh Greene & Doug Richardson of Water Stone
Wayne Morrill & Brendan of Quigley Jones & Beach

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes: Mike Colin

Second: Francis Chase

Unanimous

Alyson Eberhardt of NH Sea Grant/UNHCE provided the Conservation Commission an update on the beach profiling program and the sand dune restoration efforts. She announced an upcoming workshop series "Building resilience and sand dunes on your property" on October 5, 2017 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at the Seabrook Beach Village District Office with a trip to the common garden of native sand dune plants at Hampton Beach State Park. There is no fee for the workshop.

Alyson showed the commission a map of the dunes north of Harborside Park she is working with and the dune paths she would like to fence off. There was a discussion on what type of fence that would work "symbolic" rope strung on posts verses plastic snow fence. The paths that would remain primary access would be the one near the Harborside Park and the one that travels next to Rt. 1-A to the beach near the bridge.

Alyson also provided the commission with the results of a study she conducted this summer for 3 days. Forty beach goers took the survey and Alyson compiled the results and handed them out to the commission. It was noted during the survey days that the two above mentioned paths were the only paths being used. The other, interior paths showed minimal use, primarily "night party" use by the litter left behind.

NHDES:

- Patricia Farrell of 12 Cross Beach Road filled out a dredge and fill permit and was looking for guidance. She is getting beach erosion on her property where she parks her car. There was a retaining wall there years ago but it is gone and there is an only old brick left. She would like to put up a higher wall. The Conservation Commission gave her some ideas on what type of material should be used. The commission also suggests she might think about hiring an engineer to help with the drawing NH DES will want. Patricia will come back with a new packet showing better detail of what she wishes to build.
- Wayne Morrill and Brendan Quigley represents Waterstone's proposed site plan for 603 Lafayette Road. There was a discussion of stormwater treatment, both above and underground, a vegetation buffer and a permanent pond with different levels and depths. There will be a public access walking trail around the pond at the south end of the shopping plaza. Emily Sanborn had asked the developer if the pond could be named Benny's Pond which it was called in the earlier years. The project developers and the Conservation Commission have no objection to naming the pond Benny's Pond. The intent is to stock fish in the pond for recreational use. Sue suggested a minimum of 3 deep holes at least 12 to 14 feet deep connected by a 10 foot deep passage between the deep holes. This type of underwater depth landscaping was recommended for the Cains Pond dredge project. The Conservation Commission will send Eben Lewis a copy of the minutes in support of the project.

Motion by: Sue Foote To support the proposed plan for stormwater treatment and drainage. The Conservation Commission supports the proposed development plan and commends the developer's construction of the pond that will be open to the public and the perimeter walking trail.

Second: Mike Colin

Unanimous

Other:

- Sue informs the Commission there is a Joint Board Meeting on September 13th at 5 p.m. at the Library and everyone on the boards are invited. Planning Board has

orchestra this endeavor. Sue handed out ideas that she wanted to bring up at the Joint Board Meeting for everyone to see and discuss.

- The Conservation Commission is having a difficult time getting our bank statements email to Judie monthly.
- Francis Chase made the motion "That the treasurer email Judie monthly statements of the Conservation Commission banks accounts and Judie will bring the statements to the meetings.

Motion: Francis Chase

Second Al Mueller

Unanimous

Mail:

- The US Army Corp of Engineers sent the Conservation Commission at 15 days Public Notice of a permit application to conduct work in water of the United States from Seabrook Development Associates LLC. Comment Period Begins: August 22, 2017 and Ends: September 6, 2017. This is for 603 Lafayette Road Commercial Development.
- VHB sent the Conservation Commission a booklet on the Cains Brook Salt Marsh Restoration. This document shall serve as a combined report documenting the 4th and final 5th year of monitoring of the project. This document also serves as the final report documenting the status of the completed five year project. A copy of this report has been sent to the NH DES Wetland Bureau.
- Southeast Land Trust sent the Conservation Commission their fall new letter .
- John Starkey, DPW Manager sent the Conservation Commission a memo regarding the Storm water EPA Phase II Rules, mandates submittal of Notice of intent on or before October 2, 2018

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm

Next Meeting: November 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary