**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**August 12, 2013**

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**Meeting Opened**: 07:10 pm

**Members Present**: Sue Foote, Dick Dodge, Jesse Fowler & Judie Walker

*Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2013*

*Motion: Sue Foote*

*Dick Dodge - seconded*

*Passed unanimously*

**Dredge and fill applications/permits**:

* Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc sent the Conservation Commission copy of the Alteration of Terrain Application for Mackenzie Heating and Cooling Propane filling yard. Tax Map 5, Lot 8-43. Located on 28 London Lane. JBE Project No. 12027.
* NH DES sent the Conservation Commission a copy of the approval notice of the Alteration of Terrain Permit AoT-0602 for Mackenzie Heating and Cooling Propane filling yard. Tax Map 5, Lot 8-43. Located on 28 London Lane. The permit is subject to the following conditions they have listed on the notice. The permit expires on July 25, 2018.
* NH DES sent the Conservation Commission a copy of the Alteration of Terrain Bureau Permit Application (RSA 485-A:17) for Waterstone Development Expansion located on Chevy Chase Road DES File # 130719-097, Tax Map Lot #54-2,54-4,54-7,54-8, & 90. NH DES informs if there are any comments please submit them by July 31, 2013.
* West Environmental sent Conservation Commission a copy of a wetlands permit for 166 Ocean Drive. Paul Garand also sent an email to Mark West regarding Eben Lewis comments about the property. Eben Lewis was pointing out that the walkway is located on town owned property, and as the property has deed restrictions prohibiting maintaining and/or changing any structure, and that this work would not be permitted.

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Sue is questioning the existence of the dune walkway. Essentially because of the location and the distance from the Town walkway they want to build their own walk way. The town is questioning whether they legally come onto Town property and impact the dune without a wetland permit. Sue mentioned she doesn’t have a problem with the walkway as long as it is 1 foot by 6 wide.

**Mail:**

* Steven Riker of Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC sent Eben Lewis, Compliance Specialist of NH DES a letter regarding the wetland restoration on 136 Folly Mill Road. They have attached a restoration plan.
* Jon Higgins of Higgins Environmental Associates, Inc sent Sue Foote and email inviting the Conservation Commission to a water quality improvement demonstration scheduled for August 14th at Newburyport’s Frog Pond off High Street at 4 p.m.

He will demonstrate two new and innovative technologies to remove algae and phosphorus from water bodies. One is called P-pod and Jon attached an article about the P-Pod.

* Dennis Skillman emails Sue Foote regarding Purple Martins which have been found nesting in Seabrook’s Marsh off of Cross Beach Road. A neighbor on Cross Beach Road gave Dennis a copy of a DVD Sue produced about the return of nesting ospreys to Seabrook that where Dennis got Sue’s contract information. Pam Hunt of the NH Audubon and several interested people in the birding community are looking into placing nest boxes/gourds in the Cross Beach Road area to maintain and grow the Martin population. Dennis would like to help the Conservation Commission with facilitating these nest boxes.

Jesse Fowler a member of the Conservation Commission will give permission of have nesting boxes put on his land. The boxes will need roofs deep and have the nails pointing up and make sure they are higher than the high water mark.

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* Alyson Eberhardt of UNH emailed Sue Foote regarding a grant for Seabrook Dune restoration from the NH DES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund. The money is designated to mitigate impacts to freshwater wetlands. The primary objective is to remove invasive species.
* Paul Garand sent Eben Lewis an email regarding a complaint he received. The owner of Two Guys Smoke shop had hired a company to clear the wetlands. The company sprayed the entire area with chemicals. Paul is looking for guidance from Eben Lewis.
* Peter Walker, Director of Environmental Services of Vanessa, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) he is representing DDR and submitted a report entitled Cains Brook/Mill Creek Tidal Flow Dynamics Modeling Study for the Conservation Commissions review.
* Lilli Gilligan, Finance Manager sent Sue an email about the upcoming Budget. Sue informed Lilli that the Conservation Commission in the past 5 years has stayed the same. Lilli will present the Conservation Commissions budget to the Town Manager.

**Other**

* Jesse Fowler was asking if the Conservation Commission will stock Cains Brook. It would have to be in March or April so the fish’s metabolism can handle the water.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 pm

Next Meeting: October 14, 2013

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary