**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**January 14, 2013**

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**Meeting Opened**: 07:05 pm

**Members Present**: Sue Foote, Mike Colin, Dick Dodge and Judie Walker.

**Others Present**: Henry Boyd, Miles Cook, Joe Silk and Raymond Holmes.

*Motion: Mike Colin*

*Sue Foote seconded*

*Dick Dodge abstained*

*Passed unanimously*

* Henry Boyd, Millennium Engineering and Miles Cook game to the meeting tonight to discuss the problems they are having with the State. Lori Sommer from NHDES would like to be the third party and oversee the Conservation Easement on Route 1 and she would charge for the service. Miles Cooks will set up a meeting Sue Foote Conservation Chair, Lori Sommer of NHDES and Mike Habel of the Army Corp of Engineers to discuss the Conservation Easement. The Conservation holds the land without a third party involvement. Mr. Cook is planning on having a gravel parking lot for bird watching; he would like to put up signage for Grace C. Fogg Wildlife Preserve. His plans would be make the Town Forrest larger. Sue Foote wrote a letter on behalf of Miles Cook and the Conservation Commission easements. Sue stated that the plan will create improved parcel that will add to the Seabrook tax base and will also add additional acreage to the area North of Route 107 that is already protected lands status. She also stated that the Conservation Commission members were in support of this proposal.

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**Dredge and fill applications/permits**:

* Joe Silk of 75 Atlantic Avenue came to the meeting tonight with Raymond Holmes to discuss the tear down and rebuild of the home on 75 Atlantic Avenue. Eben Lewis of NHDES told Mr. Holmes that he needs to bring the Wetlands Permit Application to the Conservation Commission to be reviewed. Melissa Coppola of the N.H Natural Heritage Bureau noticed that on this property they have the rare plant Hairy Hudsonia which is a rare plant in New Hampshire. Sue Foote explained about the Hairy Hudsonia and why it is so rare. The pictures of the property attached to the application the plant is outlined in red. Mr. Silk does not plan to disturb the plant he will protect them with a silk fence. This plant is usually found in sand dunes near the coast. The Conservation Commission signed the Wetlands Permit Application and changed the review from standard to expedite.

**Mail:**

* Zoning Board of Adjustments sent the Conservation Commission a copy of a letter sent to Mackenzie Properties, LLC site 28 London Lane Property ID#5-8-43. During a routine inspection Paul Garand, Code Enforcer noted a bulldozer had spread fill at 28 London Lane. This letter informs them to cease because they are in violation of Section 2 Scope of Review of the site plans review regulations. The development, expansion or change of use of property for nonresidential, etc shall be subject to review and approval by the Planning Board.
* Zoning Board of Adjustments sent the Conservation Commission a copy of the Agenda for the meeting on January 23, 2013.

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**Other**: Sue Foote gave a summary of the meeting with John Starkey, Paul Garand, and Alyson Eberhardt regarding dunes protection grant opportunity. They had a meeting on December 19, 2012 to discuss the dune restoration.

There is an ongoing problem at the beach with residents encroaching on beach dunes. The Town is having a problem with residents putting up new private walkways, cement patios, fences, fire pits etc on the dunes. The real estate companies are advertising private walkways, etc. There is GOMC funding (Gulf of Maine Council) for this project to restore the dunes. Ideas have been made to have a fence on both sides of a boardwalk behind residents’ houses on Atlantic Avenue and connecting to the Town boardwalks.

Meeting adjourned: 9:25 pm

Next Meeting: February 11, 2013

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Clerk