**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**September 26, 2011**

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**Meeting Opened**: 07:07 pm

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

**Members Absent**: Mike Colin, Ivan Eaton, Sr., Helen Lalime

Approval of the minutes from September 12, 2011 meeting.

*Motion: Jesse Fowler*

 *Sue Foote seconded*

 *Passed unanimously*

**Dredge and fill applications/permits**:

* Mr. Riley and Mark West of West Environmental, Inc came before the Conservation Commission to discuss the installation of an ingrown swimming pool at 148 Ocean Boulevard. They submitted a copy of the Dredge and Fill Application Form which describes the area of new impacts to wetland is 1,363 sf. The size of existing impervious surface is 7,076 sf and the size of the proposed impervious surface area is 8,423 sq. The percentage of impervious area (new and existing) to the overall project site is 72%.

Sue Foote explained that the Conservation Commission does not object to the addition of a swimming pool. The commission would like to see on site mitigation for the impermeable surface impact. The commission suggested that possibly some of the extensive pavement on the parcel could be removed completely or at least be replaced with a more permeable surface.

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**Dredge and fill applications/permits cont.**:

The commission is also concern about the potential chemical pollutant load from the traditional substances used to treat swimming pools. The commission would like to see either an overflow catchment system is installed or an alternative form of water treatment be specified and utilized. The Conservation Commission is concerned that contributing to allow offsite mitigation for private property impacts may overtime result in excessive impermeable surface on private parcels and overburden the public areas with stormwater run-off, thus contributing to non-point pollution of the beach ecosystem. Sue will email Frank Richardson of NH DES the concerns the Conservation Commission has with Mr. Riley.

* The Department of Environmental Services sent notification that they have accepted an application on 09-12-11 for the Transfer Station Road off of Rocks Road Seabrook. Tax Map Lot # 8/58-1.
* The Town Manager Barry Brenner send Mr. Eben Lewis, Compliance Specialist of the NHDES a letter informing him that the Town has retained a NH Certified Wetland Specialist James Gove and Altus Engineering, Inc to perform the required work concerning the Sewer Easement, Main Line East Railroad in Seabrook.

Mail:

New Hampshire Audubon sent a Conservation Guide to identify all the birds and where they are found on the web. **NH eBird** is the reporting system for New Hampshire Bird Records and a great personal record-keeping tool for your bird sightings. Reporting to eBird is all you need to do to make sure your sightings are available for publication in New Hampshire Bird Records and for many other uses.

Date of next meeting: October 10, 2011

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary