

Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
December 9, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7:15 PM

Members Present: Janet Cote, Sandra Heaney, and Richard Batchelder.

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra Heaney Motioned to approve the November 5, 2014 minutes as written. Richard Batchelder seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence Review: Info Requests, Wetlands Permits, Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc.

New Business:

Oil Spill- West Shore Marine-West Shore Road: Carroll Brown has been following up with the cleanup efforts and has been communicating information with the Town and the Commission. The spill is an ongoing project with the main concern being that the business is built upon a wetland that was filled in years ago. Where the oil spill is, there is gravel that Mr. Brown feels the oil went right into the water table. DES is on top of the cleanup. Mr. Brown will let the Conservation commission know about any impact on the water table. It is believed that about 150 gallons of kerosene was spilled. The spill was contained with fencing but it may have been too late to prevent an impact on the water table.

2014 Year End Budget: The membership line has been increased to \$270. The well cover for Plankey Spring has been ordered and cost \$152. The bill for this will be paid by the end of the year out of the 2014 budget. There are no other changes to the budget.

Plankey Spring: Christina at the Town Offices received a couple of emails concerning the spring. A resident had a question about the shelf life for spring water. Mrs. Cote referenced a few web sites for the person to do some research into this. Another resident was asking about the rate of flow at the spring. Jeff Chartier did replace a valve so the flow has increased.

Catterall Property: This property is a conservation easement monitoring property. The report from the Commission needs to be in by January. Mrs. Cote will submit this report by the end of the week. The Conservation Commission monitors the open areas that need to be kept open. A drive by inspection shows that the area is being kept open.

Old Business:

Wetlands and Shoreland permit applications and updates:

Scott and Deborah Oglevee-115 Greenwood Path Map/Lot 102/002: Ms. Heaney and Mrs. Cote visited the property. There doesn't seem to be an issue with putting up a retaining wall. The wall will be built using rocks and stone. There will be a natural front with a step down area with stairs. The porch structure has been undermined. No letter to DES is suggested.

NH DES File # 2014-01355- DeVost Yacht Club Condominium Map/Lot 108/51: There doesn't seem to be any new activity.

NH DES File # 2014-02580-471 Wulamat Road Map/Lot 103/23: There are no other updates.

NH DES File # 2014-02725 164 Barron Road Map/Lot 209/50: Mr. Batchelder did not get down to the property to inspect it yet. It will now be hard to see the property through the snow.

465 Wulamat Road correspondence: This pertains to a building permit for a shed that is well within the 50ft. shoreline setback. The applicant is asked to contact the Conservation Commission to make sure this complies with DES. Des has said that no permit is required to build a shed but the cottage is definitely waterfront and there are concerns. Mrs. Cote will call DES for clarification on the language pertaining to sheds and to clarify the reference line.

NH DES file# 2014-02929 and NH DES file # 2014-02928 Zarembo Program Development, LLC- 215 Lake Street Map/Lot 112/1: There has been no new information. The Conservation Commission requests have not been received. There has been approval from DES for shoreland but not for wetlands. The wetlands permit could be on hold. Members of the Commission plan to attend the Planning Board public hearing regarding this property. Steve Favorite asked the Planning Board secretary to put together a history of the project that will include concerns raised by the Conservation Commission. Ms. Heaney commented that the Commission should take a side and vote as a board whether a special use permit should be granted. Ms. Heaney made a motion to put forth to the Planning Board the Special Use permit be denied because of previously stated and continued concerns. Mrs. Cote seconded the motion. The Commission vote 3-0 in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Wetlands Ordinance: This will be discussed at the Public Hearing. The new language should go on the ballot. If passed, the Town will have a stronger ordinance in place.

Work Session: Continue to purge and organize files in the New Year.

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting January 7, 2015

Individual Tasks Assignments:

Adjournment: Ms. Heaney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Cote. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary

