

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
April 1, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:05 PM

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

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra Heaney moved to approve the March 4, 2015 minutes as written, seconded Richard Batchelder. The motion was approved.

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

Zoning Board: Meeting on April 7th. There is a variance request to build a single family home on an 18% slope. This is not a wetlands issue but in some cases there may be concern for erosion on an 18% slope. There are two special exceptions for waterfront properties. The exception for the West Shore Rd. property may need shoreland approval when rebuilding as there is demolishing happening there. The Silver Shores Dr. property may need shoreland approval also.

Planning Board: There is a site plan review for Earthly Treasures regarding a subdivision of the space.

NH DES File #2014-03101: Scott and Deborah Oglevee 115 Greenwood Path: A copy of the request for more information response was received. Alternatives are addressed in the letter as well as abutter permission letters. This letter went back to the Wetlands Bureau on March 16th.

Land Resources Management Complaint File #2014-02725: 164 Barron Road: A site inspection occurred on January 23, 2015 and the project does not require a shoreland impact permit. It was stated that all future increases in impervious area, excavation and filling activities beyond those in the plan will require a shoreland impact permit.

Wetlands Bureau File# 2015-00555: Red Fox Village Beach: Information is missing that is required for DES to classify the project. Photographs must be provided as well as a plan or sketch, a copy of the tax map showing the property and abutting properties, and a USGS map. The information must be supplied within 20 days of receipt of the letter.

New Business:

Northern Pass Mitigation Projects: A letter was sent to towns because the project will impact wetlands along the route. They are looking for specific areas for wetlands projects to help with the mitigation process. Mrs. Cote commented that a formalized idea is needed to go to the next level in the process. Mrs. Cote suggested the Bennett wetlands trail system as a possible project. Ms. Heaney suggested reaching out to Boyd Smith for possible ideas. Mrs.

Cote also suggested talking with Jeff Chartier about the well heads.

Spring Clean-Up Projects: Mrs. Cote informed the Commission that a possible Earth Day event is being planned to clean-up around the Town. Mrs. Cote suggested that Plankey Spring should be a part of the clean-up event. An email will be sent to Commission members if a specific date is set.

Old Business:

Wetlands and Shoreland permit applications and updates:

NH DES file# 2014-02929 and NH DES file # 2014-02928 Zaremba Program Development, LLC- 215 Lake Street Map/Lot 112/1: The Planning Board declined the application based on the Conservation Commission recommendations. Mrs. Cote commented that DES did approve the wetlands permit on March 16th with specific conditions the project is subject to. Some of the conditions include removal by hand the trash and debris in the wetlands, the proposed stormwater structures shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, a qualified professional shall monitor the project during construction, construction equipment shall be inspected daily, and any further alteration of areas that are within the jurisdiction of the DES Wetlands Bureau will require a new application. The expiration date of the permit is March 16, 2020. Ms. Heaney commented that Zaremba can come back with a new plan that is not in the wetlands setback. Ms. Heaney also commented that an appeal of the Planning Board decision can be made within 30 days to Superior Court.

Mrs. Cote commented that the overall process worked to protect the wetlands buffer. There needs to be a discussion concerning the wetlands buffer area. The overlay district map needs to be looked at. Ms. Heaney commented that the ordinances should be looked at too as the purpose of the ordinance is to protect the watershed. Mrs. Cote replied that the ordinances need to be checked in relation to the map.

Work Session: Efforts will continue to purge and organize files in the New Year.

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting May 6, 2015

Individual Tasks Assignments: Mrs. Cote will contact Jeff Chartier regarding the well heads and Plankey Spring. Ms. Heaney will contact Boyd Smith regarding mitigation project ideas. Ms. Heaney will contact a trail guide in regards to a potential trail design for the Bennett Wetlands.

Adjournment: Mr. Batchelder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Heaney. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary

