

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
May 6, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:02 PM

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

Minutes Review and Approval: Richard Batchelder moved to approve the April 1, 2015 minutes as amended, seconded Sandra Heaney. Ms. Heaney requested that a task assignment be added to the minutes. The motion was approved.

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

The Grafton County Conservation District sent the Commission an invitation to a Spring Cookout.

The Conservation Easement Stewardship sent their newsletter to the Commission.

Meetings: Zoning Board has been canceled. CIP has a workshop scheduled for May 19th. HDC will meet on May 12th to discuss the 79-E packet. The Planning Board will meet on May 13th to review the 79-E packet, hold a Public Hearing on the Master Plan, and a PCC regarding a Lake Street property #216-100.

Notice of Decisions: The Zoning Board approved with conditions the Dolloffs' variance. The applicants must install reasonable storm water runoff measure to mitigate the runoff due to development of the lot and structure. A special exception was approved for 53 Silver Shores Road. A special exception was approved for 135 West Shore Road.

Vintage Lands LLC: DES inspected a property on River Road Tax Map/Lot #220/8. The purpose of the inspecting was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A, the NH wetlands statute. DES observed some inadequate erosion and sediment controls and sediment from the property was conveyed into the Pemigewasset River through a roadside ditch and seasonal channel stream. DES is requesting the installation of appropriate temporary erosion and sediment controls, contacting NHDOT to obtain any and all required approvals to access River Road, to clean out and stabilize the roadside ditch, and to submit photographs to DES documenting the property has been stabilized.

Blueberry Shores, Tax Map 102, Lot #001: DES conducted a comprehensive review of the work conducted within the jurisdiction of RSA 483-B, the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act. The review determined construction work associated with the redevelopment of Blueberry Shores Campground was approved prior to the inception of the SWQPA permitting requirements. If new work is proposed on the property with the setbacks, conformation to applicable regulations will apply.

115 Greenwood Path, Map/Lot 102/002: A Wetlands Permit and Non-Site Specific Permit were issued, with conditions, for a retaining wall and installation of a seasonal dock.

135 West Shore Road, Map/Lot 108/30: DES issued a Shoreland Impact Permit with specific conditions for demolition of an existing house and rebuild in the same footprint.

Society for the Protection of NH Forests sent a brochure and donation request to the Commission.

New Business:

Presentation by Dan Sundquist: Sandra Heaney told the Commission that the mapping of the watershed around Newfound Lake is presented. Bristol has the most densely populated area in the watershed. One concern for the Town of Bristol is that the water supply for Bristol is held in another town, Alexandria. Mrs. Cote commented that Bristol has two wellhead protection areas. Mr. Batchelder asked if there was storage in these areas or just a pumping station. Mrs. Cote replied that there is the pumping station and there may be a small storage area.

Old Fish Hatchery, Map 112-037: Janet Cote gave the Commission members a brief history of the property. The property was an active fish hatchery before the Mother's Day floods that decimated it. When the dam was not rebuilt, the hatchery could not reopen and it was abandoned. Mrs. Cote reported that around April 23rd, there was activity observed on the property that included fish pools that were filled, much of the site was leveled, trees were removed, and what appears to be a boulder wall constructed along the shoreline. Mrs. Cote contacted the Town Land Use department to see if any permits for the fish hatchery property were filed. The response was that there was no permits filed and that the Town Land Use is looking into the activity on the property. Mrs. Cote checked on the wetlands overlay and based on the zoning maps, the property appears to not be in the overlay but it is in a flood plain. Ms. Heaney commented that the zoning ordinance defines what wetlands are and that the ordinance is more comprehensive than the maps. Mr. Batchelder commented that the property owners should still have been required to pull a permit from the state. Mrs. Cote commented that the Commission should meet with the Planning Board to figure out the wetlands overlay. Ms. Heaney commented that the conservation wetlands overlay is confusing as to where permits are needed and if the property is considered wetlands. Mrs. Cote commented that the property is in the buffer and action does need to be taken by the Planning Board. A Shoreland permit is needed in the flood zone. Mrs. Cote emailed DES regarding the activity and what process should be followed going forward. Mr. Jeffrey Blecharczyk from DES responded to the email. Mr. Blecharczyk replied that DES is aware of the activity and the consultant for the land owner contacted DES and said an application would be submitted to request to retain work conducted on the property. DES inspected the property on April 30th and documented the use of various erosion and sediment BMPs to temporarily contain the site. Silt fence and mulch berms had been installed along the perimeter of the property adjacent to the river. Ms. Heaney commented that the owners should have come to the Planning Board for a special exception. Mr. Batchelder commented that at least things are in process with DES regarding the issue.

79-E packet: There was a brief discussion regarding the process for adopting 79-E in Bristol.

Old Business:

Northern Pass Mitigation Projects: Ms. Heaney reported that she met with Boyd Smith regarding potential projects. One project suggestion was the property around the bay near Fox Village where there is runoff that muddies the lake there. A one page project proposal will be drafted. Ms. Heaney commented that the RSAs and DES have a lot of rules regarding mitigation projects and clarification is needed to move forward with this. Ms. Heaney has not been able to make contact with a trail guide regarding the Bennett wetlands. Mrs. Cote reported that Jeff Chartier did not have any project suggestions. Town Administrator Michael Capone will submit a letter outlining the potential projects.

Spring Cleanup: The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday May 16th. Volunteers are assembling at the Middle School to start.

Alteration of Terrain Permit- Map 215 Lot 3.1: There is no new information. Mr. Batchelder commented that he went to see the property and that he observed no new activity there.

Wetlands and Shoreland permit applications and updates:

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

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting June 3, 2015

Individual Tasks Assignments:

Adjournment: Mr. Batchelder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Heaney. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary