

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
June 3, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:01 PM

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

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra Heaney moved to approve the May 6, 2015 minutes, seconded Richard Batchelder. The motion was approved.

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

Meetings: Zoning Board on June 2nd has a special exception for a Brewery. Historic District Commission has a workshop on June 9th. The Planning Board on June 10th has a subdivision for the Dolloffs scheduled. The Capital Improvements Committee has a workshop scheduled for June 16th.

Sandra Heaney commented that at the last Planning Board meeting there was a proposal that was discussed for a 55+ community. The whole plan would be under site review. Janet Cote commented that this is worth watching for possibly wetlands on this site.

A new wetlands permit was received from 55 Arrowhead Path for a freshwater seasonal dock with anchor points. Mr. Batchelder asked what the anchors are going to be. Mrs. Cote replied that they appear to be like sandbags. Mrs. Cote informed the members of the Commission that the applicants were looking for permit by notification and need the Conservation Commission's signature for this. If the Commission does not sign the applicants cannot have the quick ten day processing. If the Commission does not sign it will be processed in 25 days. To submit the application they need to meet all the project criteria. If the application is signed they have to file upon completion the necessary paperwork. Ms. Heaney asked if there were any restrictions on dock size. Mrs. Cote replied that the dock in the permit is 6' by 40'. DES will tell the applicants if this is allowed. Ms. Heaney commented that it seems quite large compared to everyone else's. Ms. Heaney looked up the dock size regulation on the DES web site and the 6' by 40' dock is approved. Mr. Batchelder commented that nothing stands out in the application and that nothing is out of the ordinary. The applicants are following the permit directions. The Commission agreed to sign the permit.

New Business:

Schedule to visit properties: Ms. Heaney commented that the man coming to look at the trail is coming in mid-June. Ms. Heaney suggested visiting the Benet Wetlands before he comes. The Commission members agreed to meet on Tuesday June 9th at 4:00 pm to tour the Benet Wetlands. Mrs. Cote commented that she will gather information on properties and make a list of the ones the Conservation Commission has responsibility for. The Town does a fund for

purchasing conservation land and the Commission may want to talk with the Planning Board regarding this. This is an area the Commission can be proactive with.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions workshop schedule: Mrs. Cote commented that this is a work in progress. Mrs. Cote suggested having 2 workshops with NHACC or partnering with the NLRA for possible workshops.

Summer Meeting Schedule: Mrs. Cote suggested that meetings not be scheduled for July and August unless needed. The meetings will be left posted but will be canceled if there is no new business.

Old Business:

Fishery Site: There has been no new activity. There has not been anything filed yet. Mrs. Cote did talk with the applicant and they are working on the permit application.

Northern Pass Mitigation Projects: Ms. Heaney has been in discussions with Mike Vignali regarding erosion on Wicom Road. There is silt going down the culvert and into the lake. There is possibly some grant money to get work done. Mr. Vignali is sending a report with recommendations.

Wetlands and Shoreland permit applications and updates:

Work Session: Efforts will continue to purge and organize files.

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting July 1, 2015 (if needed)

Individual Tasks Assignments:

Adjournment: Mr. Batchelder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Heaney. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary