

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
October 7, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 7:00 PM

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

Minutes Review and Approval: Sandra Heaney moved to approve the September 2, 2015 minutes, seconded Richard Batchelder. The motion was approved by a 2-0-1 vote.

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

Planning Board on October 14th: minor site plan for Maryann Parkhurst, compliance of subdivision/special use permit for Zaremba, and minor site plan for Aubuchon Hardware. Mrs. Cote commented that there is a small wet area in the back of the building where the Aubuchon Hardware business is being planned. Some fill was used to create a small retention area on site. The Commission should look at this and comment on it. Ms. Heaney commented that the company was not supposed to change anything. The footprint of the building is the same and no extra paving is supposed to happen. A DOT cease and desist order was issued. Mrs. Cote commented that the drainage areas out front should not have anything happening there either.

An invitation was received for the dedication of the Goose Pond Conservation area on October 10th.

The Grafton County Conservation newsletter was received.

The Commission received a letter from the Forest Society in regards to the process of monitoring and reporting. Mr. Batchelder asked when this was done. Mrs. Cote replied that it is done in January and should be done on a yearly basis.

The newsletter from Drinking and Groundwater Bureau of DES was received.

Wetlands and Shoreland permit applications and updates:

Kevin Lacasse and Kent Brown-Lake Street Map 112 Lot 37-Alteration of Terrain, Shoreland, Wetlands permitting for building project:

Mr. Brown introduced himself as the civil engineer on the project. The project is proposed to be built on the Newfound River. The proposal is for a multi-family development on the old Fish Hatchery land totaling 3.3 acres. Mr. Brown and Mr. Lacasse met with the Planning Board on September 23rd for a preliminary talk. No plan has been submitted yet. Mr. Brown and Mr. Lacasse also met with DES for a pre-application meeting. A national heritage check was done and a subsurface check was completed also. There is no proposal for any dredging or filling on site. There has been no final engineering done as input is being sought from the various Town

Boards first. An after the fact Shoreline Protection Permit was applied for in regards to the tree count. The tree count is within 50 feet of the shoreline. There will be no development within the setback. Ms. Heaney asked if the project was measured from the body of water. Mr. Brown replied that it was measured from the Shore. Ms. Heaney asked if there is town sewer and water. Mr. Brown replied that there is town sewer and water on site. Ms. Heaney asked for clarification on using porous pavement. Mr. Brown replied that it is in the design but that may change with the final design. Mr. Lacasse commented that a person at DES told them that there are problems with salting porous pavement. Ms. Heaney commented that UNH has done further studies on this and that there are new porous pavement materials now. Mrs. Cote asked if the right of way will be widened. Mr. Brown replied that this is not anticipated. Mrs. Cote asked how many housing units are anticipated. Mr. Lacasse replied that there will be 32 units. These units will be 1 and 2 bedroom apartment rentals. Ms. Heaney asked if there are any recreation opportunities. Mr. Brown replied that since it is pretty rocky there, recreation is not part of the proposal. There will not be anything in the flood plain and the buffer will not be disturbed. Mrs. Cote asked for clarification on taking out the building and the stone walls. Mr. Brown replied that there will not be too much alteration of the terrain. The Town will receive a copy of the permit and the Conservation Commission will be sent a copy electronically. Mrs. Cote commented that she has some concern with the treatment swale. Mr. Batchelder asked what the swale is. Mr. Brown replied that the swale will probably be a long grass swale. Mr. Lacasse commented that depending upon what DES wants done, those are the details that will be submitted in the plan and that DES is guiding them along. Mrs. Cote asked what the timeline of the project is. Mr. Brown replied that it should be around spring next year. Mr. Lacasse commented that the work will be done by a responsible contractor who are insured and bonded. The Board thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Lacasse for coming in to present this information to the Commission.

Eugene Brune-89 Lakeside Road Map 107 Lot 127-Permit by Notification:

Mr. Brune informed the Commission that the structure was built around 1950 and the property is still for sale. Mrs. Cote asked if Mr. Brune is looking to replace the stones and cement them. Mr. Brune replied that he is looking to do that after the drawdown of the lake. The boulders will be put back in with concrete. Mr. Brune has hired a mason to do the work. The Commission approved of the work and signed the Permit.

Camelot Acres Association-Gallahad Lane Map 104 Lot 63-Wetlands Permit Application:

The permit is for some retaining wall work that entails repairing the existing wall and to add an additional 20 feet to it. There will be sand replenishment also. Mrs. Cote expressed concern over the reason why the applicants want to continue the wall. Mr. Batchelder commented that there are probably erosion issues. Mrs. Cote commented that there will be some culvert replacement also. The applicants want to do the work during the drawdown of the lake but they have to go for a full wetlands permit.

Red Fox Village Association-Lakeside Road Map 107 Lots 142/143-Expedited Review for

Beach Replenishment:

Mrs. Cote informed the Commission that DES requested more information from the applicants as the original permit application did not have enough information contained in it. There has been no paperwork received by the Commission since the request by DES. Mr. Batchelder asked if the Commission approved the original expedited permit. Mrs. Cote replied that they had approved the expedited permit.

New Business:

Budget: Mrs. Cote will prepare a draft budget for the Commission and email it to the members. There will need to be an increase in the Membership line due to increased dues.

Old Business:

Ms. Heaney asked for an update on Hemlock Brook. Mrs. Cote replied that there is still an issue with the culvert as someone is damming the culvert and creating run off issues. DES has been asked to go look at this. The other issue is the confusion over the status of the road. The landowner maintains that it is a private road. Others in the Town believe that it is a class 6 road. Regardless of whether it is private or not, the concern is the work around the pond which is within the 50 foot setback.

Mr. Batchelder informed the Commission that he checked on the Barron Road property and nothing is happening there. It is pretty much deserted. Mrs. Cote commented that this problem was caught by DES.

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

Next Meeting Logistics: Next scheduled meeting November , 2015

Individual Tasks Assignments:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Costigan, Secretary