

Wakefield Conservation Commission  
Minutes - Approved

Location: Wakefield Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
Date: 2-22-10, 7:00 PM

In attendance: Peter Kasprzyk, Bill Day, Dave Mankus

Mr. Kasprzyk opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

Public Input on New Applications – none

Old Business:

Review/acceptance of previous meeting minutes – Mr. Mankus made motion to accept minutes as presented. Mr. Day offered 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed

Review of previously received permit applications not approved at last meeting - none

Review/update of Committee Activity – Mr. Mankus said that at the last Selectmen’s meeting there was conversation about the dam in Union located south of Union Meadows. The owners are concerned about the expense to repair & their liability in light of the State declaring the dam as “high hazard”. The owner’s are proposing removing the center and all cement structures at a cost of app \$40,000. There was concern that the owners had not notified the Conservation or Heritage Commissions. Mr. Kasprzyk observed that while there is an RSA requiring notice to the Heritage Commission, he is not aware of any requirement to notify the Conservation Commission – the dam is not a waterfront issue. Mr. Mankus observed that various persons are looking for alternatives to tearing the dam down, ways to limit the owners potential liability, having the dam reclassified, etc. There was conversation about concerns for pollutants entering the water from nearby businesses, mostly in the past, but ongoing in principal. Another member observed that the dam as a dry hydrant is more valuable than as an electrical source. Mr. Kasprzyk asked that Mr. Mankus keep the Commission advised of developments, but doesn’t believe that the Commission has any direct involvement. He mentioned that he’d had a conversation with the Heritage Commission, and expressed the Conservation Commission’s support to the degree possible.

Reopen discussion of Commission Responsibilities & Ethics issues – Mr. Mankus observed that as a new member of the Commission, he’d expected some orientation. He’s been reviewing material, and believes he’s getting up to speed, but thinks that perhaps there should be some more involvement by the Commission. Mr. Kasprzyk noted that this issue has been discussed at some length before, and thought that the Commission had agreed that its role in the town is to advise, assist and educate residents about waterfront issues, not act as police. When a complaint is received by the Commission, it’s the Commission’s responsibility to educate persons involved about relevant law, if needed, to review the complaint, perhaps visiting the site, and then providing direction on the proper DES channels. It was agreed that over the next few

months, the Commission would develop a Mission Statement and a overview narrative about the Commission's responsibilities, and degree to which the Commission can get involved in complaints, clearly explaining that the Commission has no enforcement authority. In addition, it was agreed that new members would receive an introduction when appointed.

#### New Business:

Michelle Crew – to discuss Barry Camp alternatives – postponed until 3-8-10. It was noted that there are other camps, citing Tin Mt. Camp in Tamworth, a few Audubon camps, and something over near Allenstown (Bear Brook Camp). The Commission will continue to look into alternatives to Barry Camp, as well as encouraging parents to look as well. Ms. Gauthier agreed to confirm Pride Day date for Mr. Kasprzyk so that trees can be ordered. (Pride Day is scheduled for May 15)

New Chair - Mr. Kasprzyk tendered his resignation as chairperson. Mr. Mankus made motion that Mr. Wm. Day assume Chair. Mr. Kasprzyk offer the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion – Mr. Day said he would accept the position if Mr. Kasprzyk would accept position as vice chair. Mr. Kasprzyk accepted. Motion Passed

Paul Mathias resignation – Mr. Mankus made motion to accept Mr. Mathias' resignation as a member, and extend offer of position as alternate. Mr. Kasprzyk offered the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. In addition, the Commission asks that Mr. Mathias continue his role as Environmental Camp Coordinator. Email will be sent to Mr. Mathias making the offer. There was some discussion about membership. Mr. Kasprzyk remarked that he has observed that when the Commission is operating effectively, there is no competition for membership, but that when there is controversy, potential candidates are coming out of the woodwork. As there are no candidates at present...

New permits / applications – review any applications received / permits issued since last meeting

1. Ken Jeffrey, permit by notification for dock repair at 295 Sparhawk Terrace. Review of the application confirmed that Mr. Jeffrey is looking to repair an existing dock. Mr. Mankus observed that while all the material was attached the boxes on page 2 of the app had not been checked. Mr. Kaprzyk called Mr. Jeffrey to ask if the Commission could correct this oversight. Mr. Jeffrey agreed saying that he would be in the Clerk's office tomorrow to review. Mr. Kasprzyk made motion to sign application. 2<sup>nd</sup> was offered by Dave Mankus. Discussion – no further discussion. Motion passed
2. Gas-Up LLC – the Commission was notified by DES that because of changes in law, the existing terrain alteration permit, issued 3-3-06 has been extended to 2015.
3. Tzortis – 4-27-07 shoreland permit at 573 Canal Rd, Wakefield – DES has asked for additional information
4. Wadleigh – shoreland application has been granted. Mr. Kasprzyk reiterated that his employer is involved in this project at 311 North Shore Drive on Great East

Lake. Permit is for rebuilding of dwelling, driveway & installation of new septic system.

Correspondence received – fliers for seminars, and 2010 Annual Report from Greater ----  
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Update Commission of other Board activity (liaison activity) – no discussions

Financials - none

Secretary hours – hours were presented. Exceeded budgeted hrs in Jan, and expect Feb to also be over budget, but anticipate leveling of hours as year progresses. Mr. Day signed worksheet.

Mr. Kasprzyk made motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mankus. Motion passed. Mr. Day adjourned meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted by Deborah D. Gauthier