

Wakefield Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2005
Amended

Members Present:

Nancy Spencer-Smith

Marsha Lavallee- Huntoon

Stan Lombara

Allan Mayranen

Meeting began with a review of the educational seminars that *S. Lombara* attended recently, “Conservation project step by step” which explained identifying the land, negotiating with land owners, and approach of the land owner. “Basic land conservation tools” which covered land easements, the third seminar was “Managing Public Use of Conservation Lands” which covered issues and concerns that arise with public use, the main issue/concern seemed to be ATV use on public lands.

Correspondence and Applications:

- *D. Tsakiris 77/61 file number 2005-00665*: Received Notice of Administrative Completeness for a Standard Dredge and Fill on April 13, 2005. There was a brief discussion of the application and steps to completion of project. Applicants are proposing to use Bio Logs which is a method of shoreline stabilization made of 100% coconut fiber. “Bio Logs provide a suitable planting medium that will endure several years, while simultaneously preventing erosion and enhancing natural regeneration.” The committee has kept copies of the bio logs for future reference as this method of erosion control is new. The members have decided to remain informed with the progress of this application.
- *Passamonti New Hampshire Trust (Camille Passamonti trustee) 42/138* Received notice of violation and order to correct violations of NHRSA483-B, the State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act and the Town of Wakefield Zoning Ordinance.

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Property is located at 292 Concord Lane, Wakefield NH. Several complaints have been received regarding an excessive amount of trees being removed from the shoreline of said property. Upon inspection of said property allegations regarding the property appear to be true and ongoing. Permits required from the Wakefield Code Enforcement Office were not obtained prior to undertaking any activity that would result in the removal of live vegetation. The town of Wakefield is requesting a restoration plan that meets the following criteria, **(a)** replacement plants shall be indigenous to the area, and a species close to what was present prior to the vegetation removal **(b)** replacement plants shall have spatial and compositional diversity that replicates a natural woodland buffer, **(c)** replacement and remaining trees shall comprise at least 50% of the basal area that existed prior to cutting, **(d)** replacement trees shall be placed no further than 10' on center, and **(e)** the opening for structures shall be from the structure to a point 15' out measured on a horizontal plane. New restoration plan must be submitted no later than May 13, 2005.

- George Dore 42/138 292 Concord Lane, Wakefield, NH Received notice of violation and order to correct violations of NHRSA 483-B, the State of New Hampshire Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, and the Town of Wakefield Zoning Ordinance. Several Complaints have been received regarding the removal of excessive amount of tree removal from the shoreline at the above referenced property Upon inspection of the property, by the code enforcement office, it has been determined that such allegations appear to be true and ongoing. Allegations include **(a)** 80-90% of the basal area of the trees have been removed, **(b)** failure to leave a healthy, well-distributed stand of trees, **(c)** No permits were obtained from the town of Wakefield. The town requests a restoration plan that meets the following criteria..... **(1)** replacement plants shall be indigenous to the area, and a species close to what was present prior to vegetation removal **(2)** replacement plants shall have spatial and compositional diversity that replicates a natural woodland buffer, **(3)** replacement and remaining trees shall comprise at least 50% of basal area that existed prior to cutting, **(4)** replacement trees shall be

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places no further than 10' on center, (5) the opening for structures shall be from the structure to a point 15' out measured on a horizontal plane. All revised plans and fines are requested by May 12, 2005.

- Carl Bryson 68/45 file number 2005-00601 Received notification of Administrative Completeness for an after-the-fact Standard Dredge and Fill Permit. Project is to build retaining wall that involves 80 sq feet of impact.
- *N. Spencer-Smith* read a letter addressed to the Heritage Commission regarding the acquisition of property by the heritage commission. The acquisition of real property is subject to the approval of the "local governing body" which is the town meeting, however the town adopted the provisions of RSA41:14-A, which allows an alternate process for approval for acquiring or disposing of real estate, thereby obviating the need for placing an article on the warrant each time a piece of property is bought or sold. The process set forth under RSA 41:14-A provides that the proposed acquisition must first be submitted to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for their review and recommendation. After the Selectmen receive the recommendation of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, the Selectmen must hold 2 public hearings at least 10 days but not more than 14 days apart. The Selectmen will then vote on the acquisition no sooner than 10 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing is held. The board voted to write a letter of recommendation to the town selectmen. *N. Spencer-Smith* volunteered to write this letter
- Cheryl Garland 46/2A file number 2004-02911 received notification of approval for an After- The-Fact request to retain dredge and fill of a total of 4,153 sq ft of wetlands including 2, 424 sq ft and 20 linear ft of a perennial stream to replace a 36" culvert with a 48"x20' culvert; and 1,729 sq ft and 35 linear ft of a perennial stream to install a 15"x35' culvert, for construction of two crossings within a driveway to a single family house lot.

Other Discussions:

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- The committee held a brief discussion regarding the summer camp program; this will be kept in the agenda for further discussion involving new and better ways to evaluate the children who respond as well as different ways to gain the interest of both the children and their parents.
- Pride Day planning continues, this will be kept on the agenda when there is a full quorum available for debate.
- *N. Spencer-Smith* will contact the interested parties for the summer camp program and invite them to attend the May 3, 2005 meeting at 6:00pm.
- The committee members present agreed upon ordering a copy of “Knowing the Territory”. A survey of municipal law for New Hampshire local officials.

Chapters include:

1. Finding the Law
2. The State-Municipal Relationship
3. The Legislative Body: Town Meeting
4. The Role of Town Selectmen
5. The Right to Know Law: RSA91-A
6. The Local Budget Process
7. Welfare for Non-Welfare Officials
8. Real Estate Taxation Liability
9. Streets and Highways
10. Planning and Zoning for Non-Land Use Officials
11. Municipal Employment
12. Conflicts of Interest and Incompatibility of Office

Motion to adjourn meeting.