

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2021

APPROVED: 4/7/21

AGENDA: SWEARING IN WITH TAX COLLECTOR
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION
SHORELAND PERMIT APPLICATION, 50 BEECH ST, #114-150
WETLAND PERMIT-BY-NOTIFICATION - BROWN'S BEACH RD, #104-120
EASEMENT AND LAND PURCHASE - BRISTOL & LAVALLEY, #223-075/076/080

ATTENDING: Carroll Brown Jr. (Chairman), Janet Cote (Vice Chairman, Zoom), Richard Batchelder, Bonnie MacGillivray-Blout (Zoom)

ABSENT: Karen Bemis

OTHERS PRESENT: Christina Goodwin (Land Use Manager), Jason Moore (Zoom, member candidate)

Mr. Brown stated that the Governor's Emergency Orders allow for meetings to be held both in-person and electronically due to the pandemic. Members of the Commission and the public are attending in-person, via video or telephone conference. The meeting opened by roll call vote 4-0 with a quorum.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Jason Moore was introduced and asked to give a little background information. Mr. Moore stated that he moved from Laconia to Bristol and before that, lived in New York. He has always been interested in conservation and keeping the beauty of the area. Mr. Brown stated that the Commission has a lot of projects and he welcomed Mr. Moore. Mrs. Cote added that we have provide two (2) types of feedback on permitting: local input to the State and local input to the Planning Board. She added that the Commission also monitors properties with conservation easements and maintains the Spring. The dream is to educate and have more partnership with the Newfound Lake Region Association. Over the years, we have wanted to make Bristol a place to be outside and enjoying the environment. We have Lake access and hiking trails. The Commission welcomed Mr. Moore. Ms. Goodwin will present his application to the Select Board for appointment.

SHORELAND PROTECTION APPLICATION, 50 BEECH ST, #114-149

The applicant is asking for a permit to excavate, fill, construct new structures, and/or remove structures within the protected Shoreland under RSA 483-B. They want to build residential apartments, townhouse style, much closer to the street. The whole property is in the 250 feet setback for Shoreland. Mrs. Cote asked if anything was being done to the other lot that also burned at the same time and was told that there are no current plans. She then stated that it looks like the current owner may have taken down vegetation without a permit. Ms. Goodwin added that the path and retaining wall were not there when Land Use checked the property. Mrs. Cote thought that they used to have the walk, but it looks like they have brought in fill. She questioned if there are wetlands and the need of a wetlands permit. Ms. Goodwin stated that most of the trees were dead. Mrs. Cote mentioned that they will need stabilization though the State will require that. Mrs. Cote was not against the walking path, but it needs to be on the plan. It appears that they are going from three (3) units to two (2) units, and they have town sewer so there will

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be no site work for that. The impact of construction comes under Shoreland. They will want substantial planting; it might be good to have a photo of what was on site. Usually, we get this in a letter and have a certain amount of time to respond. They may have approved it and we never saw it. The Commission agreed that we should keep an eye on the project.

WETLANDS PERMIT-BY-NOTIFICATION, BROWN'S BEACH RD, #104-120

Four (4) copies of this case were dropped off with the Town Clerk. It is for putting in a boat lift. A discussion followed as to updating the process. We used to get all the applications, but now there are several types. Mr. Brown will make a call to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to review the types. Mrs. Cote explained that if the Town Clerk sends one to the State, the Commission normally has 25 days to respond. If not, then the Commission is supposed to sign off within 10 days. The Commission looked at this case which is for a 10' x 16' boat lift and agreed that it is clear. The application was signed during the meeting.

EASEMENT AND LAND PURCHASE, BRISTOL AND LAVALLEY, #223-075/076/080

Ms. Goodwin explained that there are two (2) items for the Commission to consider. The easement that was originally created with R. P. Williams has expired and the new owners, Lavalley, wish to renew it. The Water/Sewer Department is proposing to purchase approximately 3.6 acres of abutting property to add to the existing property. Per Statute, the matters must be reviewed, and feedback would be provided to the Select Board. The plan is to move the location for the easement to a 30ft access along the existing paved access through the Water/Sewer property. Mrs. Cote mentioned that they may have to relocate the culvert. The Commission could not tell if there are any wetlands involved. If so, it may need to come to the Commission. The Commission discussed the contours of the lot and the 100-year flood plain. Mrs. Cote motioned to provide the following feedback to the Select Board, seconded by Mr. Batchelder:

- Regarding the easement, if there are any improvements to relocate the easement near wetlands, they may be required to file for wetland permitting.
- Regarding the land purchase, there are no concerns or comments.

The motion carried by roll call vote 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Brown recommended that the Commission continue the bylaws to their next meeting.

Mrs. Cote put in a call to the Forest Society about the purchase of property by Sugar Hill property, but has not received a call back.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Batchelder checked the easement on the Catterall property. Ms. Goodwin told them that there is a gentleman interested in buying the property to farm it. There are several issues that are being researched right now, regarding what the easement allows and what has been done without permits. Mrs. Cote stated that the property is to remain a farm with a view. Mr. Brown read the regulations that were discussed on the property in the past. It was noted that the view is still there. It used to be maintained by haying but is now starting to grow in.

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Mr. Brown and Mr. Batchelder also checked the property on Gallahad Lane. Ms. Goodwin explained that the Planning Board restricted it to the footprint proposed but did approve the subdivision and Special Use Permit. Mrs. Cote felt that lot #132 needs a wetland permit. You can see where the stream crosses the road.

Mrs. Cote explained to Mr. Moore, that the Plankey Spring is monitored quarterly for bacteria and a yearly analysis under the Conservation Commission's authority.

Mr. Moore asked if there are any regulation books available for him to read. He was told that there is information on the NH Association of Conservation Commissions website. The Commission members are members of the Association. The Association offers workshops.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER:

Ms. Goodwin mentioned that the Pemi-River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is looking for Bristol representation. We have two (2) members currently, but one (1) member will be resigning. We are allowed three (3) members.

A complaint came in for 97 West Shore Road for a septic problem. There are two (2) houses there that share a septic. The owner is working to get an updated septic. The current plan is for the to be pumped every two (2) weeks.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is April 7, 2021 at 7:00pm.

With no other business before them, Mr. Brown made a motion, second by Mrs. Cote, to adjourn at 8:50pm. The motion carried via a roll call vote 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere,
Land Use Administrative Assistant