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**Conservation Commission**  
**December 12, 2013**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

Wayne Morris, Chairman – present  
James Finn, Vice Chairman – present  
Bernie Rouillard – present  
Lisa Ferrisi – present  
Pamela Skinner – excused  
Justin Pare, alternate – present

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

**Discussion Topics**

Elimination of Hunting on Gage Property off London Bridge Rd

- Gage Property on London Bridge Road consists of 108 acres surrounded on one side by Windham High School and residential developments on the other three sides. Current hunting restrictions are 300 feet from a dwelling.
- Members agreed to propose restricting firearms hunting only, but to allow bow hunting in this area. May also consider addition to by-laws that will require bow hunters to obtain town/commission permission to set up a tree stand.
  - *Action: Mr. Morris to contact Dave Sullivan to confirm what is needed to propose change in hunting restrictions.*

Review of Draft 2014 Meeting Schedule

- Suggested change to CC schedule to meet on the first and third Thursday of each month as November and December typically miss fourth Thursday due to holidays.
- Confirmed there are no conflicts with the Recreation Department or other meeting schedules.
  - *Action: Mr. Morris to contact Dave Sullivan to confirm schedule change and re-issue new 2014 meeting schedule. Committee decided to keep the January 9, 2014 meeting.*

## **Planning Board Case Review**

### **December 18, 2013**

Case #2013-38 WWPD Special Permit, Lot 11-C-2561 & 11-C-3300 – located in the Residence A and the Wetland and Watershed Protection District (WWPD). Proposal to install a water system to serve the development, WWPD impact is 9898 square feet.

- Peter Zohdi presented a proposal on behalf of the Butterfield Family Trust to drill a gusher well. A second well has already been drilled and that too is a “gusher” that feeds 12 residential dwellings in the Sheffield Association. Current well is supported by an above-ground water line. Two other wells also exist in the area but do not produce enough water to support existing or new lots and will not be used.
- The new gusher well will provide sufficient water to support 31 residential lots. A special permit for WWPD is required as the water line needs to be 5.5-6 feet underground and requires a horizontal boring under the wetland. This would consist of a 9-12 inch pipe with two lines to the pump house and two electricity lines. Excavation is being proposed during the dry season; a suggestion was made by Mr. Rouillard to consider using a ditch witch instead of backhoe to minimize the excavation impact.
- Mr. Rouillard made a motion to recommend the case to Planning Board with suggestion to use a ditch witch, second by Mr. Finn, approved 5-0.

### **January 8, 2014**

Case # 2013-26 Wilson Road (24-F-1100 & 24-F-1120) – 21 Lot Residential Subdivision, Wetland and WWPD Crossing for Access and Associated Wells

- An informational presentation by Peter Zohdi was made to change the original Wetland and WWPD Crossing request from a fox culvert to a bridge. This reduces overall impact from 8600 square feet to approximately 2200 square feet.
- Mike Gospodarek and Jim Gove are working with Concrete Systems Inc. (Hudson, NH) on bridge design which was well received by the EPA, Army Corp of Engineers and NH Wetland Bureau in a recent meeting.
- Mr. Gospodarek provided an explanation of infiltration and alteration of terrain. The Planning Board has already provided direction on travel way and closed drainage. Alteration of Terrain has been approved by the state.
- The Dredge and Fill application has not yet been signed; a formal request for minimal impact will be added to the January 9, 2014 agenda. However, since this will be part of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Planning Board review, Mr. Zohdi requested the Conservation Commission to provide satisfaction with Dredge and Fill proposal.
- Mr. Finn made a motion to provide committee’s satisfaction with the dredge and fill proposal, second by Ms. Ferrisi, approved 5-0.

### **DES Correspondence**

- 18 Bell Road, Lot 17-J-116 – Cynthia & Paul Finn, shoreland impact permit for 3868 square feet to raise existing home.
- 40 Horseshoe Road, 17-L-74 – Patrick & Sandra Corbin, shoreland impact permit for 1576 square feet to construct garage.
- 23 Gardner Road, 17-J-143 – permit by notification to rebuild existing retaining wall on Cobbett’s Pond, read by board (previously signed in August 2013).

### **Other Correspondence**

- 25 Crestview Road, response to David Parker from Laura Scott – complaint received November 18<sup>th</sup> regarding containers with flammable material has been forwarded to the Police and Fire departments. Fire Department determined chicken feed was in the containers, not on Conservation Commission property which abuts complaint property.
- From Southeast Land Trust regarding the Blanchard Easement – will look at aerial photos to confirm there are no issues as part of their yearly monitoring.
- No Trespassing signs on Town of Windham trail located on open space parcel abutting homes – Mr. Morris confirmed signs still exist, Attorney Campbell to follow-up. Beware of Dog signs also exist.
  - *Action: Mr. Morris to follow-up with Laura Scott on Attorney Campbell's response and next steps.*

### **Other Items for Discussion**

- Trail Committee went before the Selectmen requesting a letter be sent to the DOT regarding the discontinued rail bed west of Route I-93. Request is to consider either running a path from the rail bed parallel to I-93 to North Lowell Road or as an underpass. The DOT is considering the parallel path option; a meeting with the town and I-93 project manager is scheduled on December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further.
- Purchased two Yennaco parcels and Merrill parcel – water supply grant paperwork has been submitted.
  - *Action: Mr. Finn to confirm if third-party easement is needed and what is needed to support this.*
- Lot Mergers – consider merging lots in southeast land for the Forestry Management Plan. This is required for the March warrant article to re-designate the land as Conservation/Forestry and managed by the Conservation Commission.
  - *Actions: Mr. Morris to confirm language with Dave Sullivan to meet mid-January deadline. Mr. Morris to speak with Rex Norman on southeast land mergers.*

### **Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3 (d)**

- At 8:35 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Rouillard, second by Ms. Ferrisi to go into non-public for the purpose of land acquisition (approved 5-0).

Motion made by Mr. Rouillard, second by Ms. Ferrisi to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

These minutes are in draft form and have been submitted for approval by Beth Ann Lapierre.