

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 3, 2023
10:00 AM
Moultonborough Town Hall

Members Present: Steve King, Sandra Kelly, Brian Sanford, Bill Gassman, Jim Nelson

Members Absent: Anni Jakobsen, Max Hoene

Guests: Dari Sassan, Town Planner, Cristina Ashjian

1. Presentation by Dari Sassan re Zoning Board of Adjustment Definitions

Dari Sassan, Town Planner, reviewed explanations of the following ZBA criteria: unnecessary hardship, reasonable use and grandfathered uses. The Conservation Commission is interested in working with the ZBA to provide them with considerations when it reviews petitions with wetland issues.

The Commission made the following suggestions:

- Track the type of variances granted in order to study the cumulative effect, especially with those variances near wetlands
- Consider the environmental factors in a decision; i.e., shorefront, watershed, storm water runoff
- Place a date range on decisions so they are not be subject to a grandfathered use
- Review current ordinances with an awareness of their environmental impact and propose changes at Town Meeting
- Determine how Shoreland Permits are handled at the Town level; who gets them, are they reviewed in light of wetland regulations, where are they filed

2. Approve Meeting Minutes from Dec 5, 2022 meeting

Minutes were approved as written.

3. Permits, Applications, Complaints

Marie Samaha pointed out that one application was not sent to the Conservation Commission for its review and that another application may be reviewed by the Army Corp of Engineers.

4. Con Com Finances:

- a. Con Com and MFCA Fund balance as of Nov 31 2022
 - i. Con Com: \$59,091.28
 - ii. MFCA: \$18,375.18

5. DES meeting follow-up: Enable Con Com review of Shoreland permit

The Commission asked Dari Sassan to look into the process the Town offices use for receiving, reviewing and recording Shoreland Permits and report back on it.

6. 2023 Con Com target land conservation project update

Red Hill – The Commission agreed to postpone the Board of Selectmen presentation until it is able to investigate questions around liability and the transfer of the reversion.

Shaker Jerry Road – The owner wanted to know if the Conservation Commission was interested in the parcel and whether it would help with transfer costs. The Commission stated it is still interested and would help with transfer costs.

7. ZBA/LUTG update

This item referred to the ZBA and was addressed in Dari Sassan's presentation.

There is no further information about the LUTG.

8. Other business

Records Meeting – Sandra Kelly agreed to attend the Records Meeting on January 11th at 10. Julia Marchand, Town Clerk, organized the meeting to discuss the retention of records of the various Town departments. Is there a way to reduce paper copies and replace them digitally?

DOT Presentation on Changes to Route 25 at Lake Shore Drive – Cristina Ashjian recommended that the Conservation Commission be notified of any future meetings of the DOT with the Town. Marie Samaha will contact DOT officials to request notification of any future meetings. The Commission is concerned about any changes to the Route 25 area that will impact wetlands and Lake Kanasatka.

Board of Selectmen Presentation – Bill Gassman provided the Commission with a draft of his presentation regarding water quality. He requested that members review the information and provide feedback to him within the next few weeks. The target date for the presentation is February.

9. Future Business

- a. Trash Pickup Day 2023 – on February’s agenda
- b. Bioblitz event for MFCA 2023 - tabled
- c. Potential Con Com Town warrants – Brian Sanford will draft language for the 2 areas and find out when they need to be sent to the Town.
 - i. Increase amount of transfer tax directed to Con Com
 - ii. Funding support for LWA

10. Adjourn – 12:25pm

Next meeting: February 6, 2023

Marie Samaha
Secretary