

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday May 1, 2023
Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Anni Jakobsen, Sandra Kelly, Brian Sanford, Marie Samaha, Steve King, Bill Gassman, Max Hoene (via phone)

Absent: Jim Nelson

Other: Cristina Ashjian

1. Approve March 6, 2023 and April 3, 2023 meeting minutes
The March 6, 2023, and April 3, 2023, minutes were approved as written.
2. Permits, Applications, complaint
Marie Samaha reviewed some items on the report for the month of April.
 - a. Shoreland permit follow-up – Brian Sanford shared a method for finding Shoreland Applications on the DES website. Members can keep track of the applications that are being reviewed or issued by the state.
 - b. Rt 25 fill west of Fox Hollow Rd – Marie Samaha had emailed a complaint with photos to Scott Dvorak regarding a resident filling in wetlands. Marie will submit another Moultonborough complaint form to the Land Use Office.
3. Con Com Finances:
 - a. Con Com and MFCA Fund balances as of March 31, 2023
 - i. Con Com: \$52, 721.06
 - ii. MFCA: \$18,675.18
 - b. Approve \$45 reimbursement to Sandra for Con Com table banner
The Commission voted unanimously to reimburse Sandra \$45 for the table banner.
4. Con Com sponsored Town Warrants update
 - a. LWA warrant
Commission members agreed to write a letter of support to the Daily Sun in favor of this warrant article. Marie Samaha, with approval of members, will write an article and send it to the Sun.
 - b. LUCT warrant
The Commission did not proceed with a warrant article requesting that the Commission receive 100% of the land use tax. This may be addressed in the future.
5. Con Com table at town meetings
Steve King and Bill Gassman will man a Commission table at the upcoming town meeting. The Commission will hand out information about the Lake Smart Program and LWA.
6. ZBA/Planning Board update
 - ZBA: no projects to review. Anni Jakobsen is running for the Zoning Board.
 - Planning Board: Big Dog Project, Rte. 25
The Planning Board is requesting a peer engineering review of the design for the underground fuel tanks. A hydrological assessment will be requested, if determined by the engineer. Marie Samaha will ask Pat Tarry to recommend someone to test Weed Brook. A baseline measure of water quality of the brook is needed before the tanks are put in. The location of the Big Dog project is upland from Weed Brook and a baseline measure is

needed to determine whether there are future leaks or spills from the tanks that pollute the brook.

The Commission may be interested in a risk assessment of underground fuel storage tanks under the town's aquifers. It is a project for the future.

7. Trail maintenance activities:

- a. Barry Pond - Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 9:00 am. Equipment needed; shovels, rakes, equipment to dig holes, hammers, blue blazes, 1 ½ inch aluminum roofing nails (recommendation of LRCT).
- b. MFCA bench work – Friday, May 5, 2023, 1:00pm. Equipment needed; rakes, shovel, scissors. (Note time change to 2:00, if possible.)

8. Request to participate remotely in Con Com meetings for Brian

Members agreed that Brian Sanford could attend meetings remotely as he will be absent from the area for the next year. (Phone: 603-998-4392)

9. Other business

- Conservation Commission elections – will take place at the June meeting
- Red Hill Outing Club Project – Marie Samaha spoke with Bob Hammond and he supported the CC going forward with the possibility of conserving the parcel of land.
- Koss Development – Center Harbor citizens met to discuss the Koss Development. The community is not in favor of the development and has many questions about its effects on their town.
- Toy Box Construction on Rte 25 – Max Hoene is concerned about the amount of storm water runoff from the project. Retention ponds on the Toy Box and Chase development projects are full and the overflow is spilling into the Lake Kansatka. Max has discussed the problem with Scott Dvorak. Max and Anni Jakobsen will file a complaint form with DES and request a review and, possibly, changes to the stormwater plan.
- Krainewood Culvert – Brian Sanford suggested to Anni and Steve that they include a request to restore wetlands in their ARM grant for replacing the culvert. The ARM grant focuses on wetland restoration. Marie Samaha suggested that the CC write a letter of support to accompany the grant request.
- Big Tree Project – Cristina Ashjian spoke about the project and asked all members to be on the lookout for old trees.

10. Future Business

- a. Trash Pickup Day 2023 – Steve King suggested that the Commission support a clean up day in the fall. Marie Samaha will send him some information about cleaning up litter on state roads.
- b. Bioblitz event for MFCA 2023 – tabled for now.

11. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Next meeting: June 5, 2023