

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday October 2, 2023 10:00 AM
Moultonborough Town Hall

Present: Marie Samaha, Steve King, Sandra Kelly, Anni Jakobsen, Bill Gassman, Cynthia O'Connell (Alternate), Max Hoene (attended remotely)

Absent: Jim Nelson,

Guests: Cristina Ashjian, Ed Samp

1. Motion was made, seconded, voted to accept September 12, 2023, meeting minutes with the following revision. New Alternate Member Cynthia's last name should be spelled O'Connell.
2. Applications/Permits:
 - a. Monthly review of applications:
Action Item: Anni and Steve will visit 109 Gov Wentworth Hwy and confirm that the approved restoration plan is in place.
 - b. Zoning Board:
Meeting scheduled this month. Steve King will represent Conservation Commission at the October ZB meeting to share ConCom's comments regarding 150 Black Point Rd and 244 Castle Shore Rd applications.
 - c. Planning Board:
 - There is a concern that 376 Whittier Highway & 6 Playground Drive, Tax Map 135 Lots 7 & 8 is not in compliance.
 - Anni expressed safety concern regarding erosion washing pebbles from Toy Box ditch onto Redding Lane intersection at Whittier Hwy.
 - Discussion concerning culvert monitoring survey. **Action Item:** Sanda will check with town if there is a list to periodically check on condition to approvals in place.
3. Moultonborough Bay Inlet Watershed Restoration Plan:
Conservation Commission is awaiting updated Moultonborough road maintenance and/or culvert work action item list from Pat Tarpey, President Lake Winnepesaukee Association. Marie will then communicate with Chris Theriault of the DPW regarding this list and see which public road sites are a priority.
Other action for future: How best to address "Private Road" maintenance for BMP to control stormwater. Ideas include sending a letter to private road associations offering ConCom help, exploring funding opportunities such as for 319 grant money, ConCom educating private road associations and private homeowners with workshops.
4. Agenda items from prior meetings:
 - a. Letter to owner of gas station: Max reported that the Conservation Commission received a reply from Gas Station owner Energy North Incorporated (ENI) on Sept 26th. ENI states, and the Conservation Commission understands, that ENI is proactive in maintaining compliance with existing Moultonborough, NHDES, NHDOT requirements. **Action Item:** Conservation Commission asked Max to schedule a site meeting with ENI representative(s). The objective of this introductory meeting will be to see how the town may better partner with proactive companies, such as ENI, to promote best environmental practices.
 - b. **Action Item:** In addition, Conservation Commission asked Max to follow up concerning Dari's recommendation to initiate a "Soak Up The Rain" program in Moultonborough.

- c. Goodwin property survey: Anni presented a proposal from Jim Hambrook Land Surveying to survey the Goodwin conserved property. A motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed unanimously to approve spending up to said \$1,000 to survey the Goodwin town property according to September 30th proposal. Funds will be taken from the Moultonborough Conservation Commission account. Work should be scheduled for Fall 2023.
 - d. NHDES meeting: Marie Samaha got a response from Emma at DES regarding scheduling a meeting with ConCom in Concord. A meeting date will be proposed soon. ConCom recommends that representatives from Wetlands, Shorelands and AOT from the State should attend this meeting if possible.
 - e. Bill Confirmed that Conservation Signs will be posted on Town Islands in the spring (Loon Island, Goose Island, Half acre Island, Small Henry Island).
5. Meeting with BOS and Charlie Smith:

Marie stated that a meeting has been scheduled for November 6th, 2023 with BOS and Charlie Smith who will attend the Conservation Commission meeting. Con Com will prepare talking points and list of ideas for initiatives to present at this meeting.
6. Lees Pond Boat Launch Ramp:

Marie reported that this site is owned by the Town. The evaluation process recommended re-grading of the road so that stormwater is directed to the side of the road, away from the boat ramp, where it can be soaked up. **Action Item:** Marie will get with the Town regarding re-grading the access road to prevent washout down the boat ramp.
7. Community Clean-Up Day:

Steve King reported that unfortunately, the plan did not work out. Such Clean-Up Days require Town approval and Permits. He suggested that a Town Cleanup Day be rescheduled in the spring and coordinated with the Town and neighboring towns to minimize scheduling conflicts.
8. Conservation Commission Records:
 - The Conservation Commission reviewed the proposed wetland permit application documentation process to include one paper and one digital copy. The ConCom has no concerns regarding this change.
 - Bill raised point that this document requirement does not specify how long these records should be retained. He commented that the paper copy could be retained for a specific time period and the digital copy indefinitely.
9. Future Business:
 - Marie met with a prospective landowner who is interested in putting property into conservation. This 31 Acre property could combine abutting lots for more value. The owner has required conditions of no hunting and that donated land never to be sold. Anni motioned that an informational discussion be had with the Board of Selectmen advising that ConCom is interested in pursuing this opportunity. This motion was seconded by Steve. ConCom voted on and passed motion unanimously. **Action Item:** ConCom has scheduled to walk this site at 10:30AM, October 10th and present this opportunity to the BOS.

- Cristina Ashjian of the Moultonborough Heritage Commission advised that the 525 Governor Wentworth property is for sale. This property is in the NRI report as one of the major archaeological sites in Moultonborough. Christina recommends that the Town should purchase this property to preserve it as a conservation/archaeological site. The Conservation Commission and the Heritage Society will jointly meet on October 10th at 8:30AM to walk the property.
 - A scoring sheet criterion for ConCom members visiting shoreland sites was discussed. The benefit of employing such a scoring convention is that it would streamline visits and give consistency to ConCom comments. In addition, such a scoring sheet would offer ConCom a tool to measure how a site is trending compared to prior visits (improved or more stressed) before considering proposed condition.
 - Anni and Christina will tour the four (4) listed “Big Trees” in Moultonborough. Christina recommended that education is needed to help preserve these and future designated “Big Trees”.
 - DOT is holding a public meeting this month concerning proposed improvements to route 25, Lakeshore Drive, and Glidden Rd.
10. Adjourn meeting: Voted and accepted to adjourn at 11:59AM
Next Meeting: November 6th, 10:00AM.