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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2018 MEETING**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Fulton

Members present: Andy Fulton, Bill Bolton, and Sherry Burdick

Guests: Bethany Fulton

Chairman Fulton introduced two Planning Board lot line adjustment plans for the commission's consideration.

- *June 8, 2018 LLA: Lot 105-12 & 105-36, 55 Thurber Rd. & 41 Winter Rd.* Mr. Fulton noted that this item was a formality to eliminate the vestige of a former hammer head turnaround, having been made redundant when Pine Hill Road was extended years ago. The commission had no comments for the Planning Board.
- *June 8, 2018 LLA: Lot 402-31 253 Pine Hill Rd.* Commission plan assessment surmised that the lot line adjustments would allow beach rights to extend to a residence on a lot formerly without lake frontage. Member Bolton inquired regarding what might lead the commission to comment. Mr. Fulton opined that if a commission member knew of conditions that would likely lead to environmental impacts, such as wetlands filling if the LLA were granted, it would be in keeping with our role to make the Planning Board aware of those attributes, to potentially head off the environmental degradation. With no knowledge of environmental concerns or terrain conditions that would be diminished as a result of the LLA, the commission had no comments for the Planning Board.

Mr. Fulton introduced New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Shoreland Program correspondence for the commission's consideration.

- *June 4, 2018 Shoreland Impact Permit 2018-00942, O'Leary, Lot 110-119, 30 Old Town Rd., Daniels Lake.* The permit is for repairs of an existing lakeside residence. The commission noted without comment or concern.

The commission reviewed the May 9, 2018 draft meeting minutes. Mr. Bolton **motioned** and Member Burdick seconded approval of the minutes. All voted in favor and the **motion passed**.

Mr. Fulton said he would check with Town Administrator Bolton regarding re-engaging a minutes taker for commission meetings. Ms. Burdick indicated that potential candidates were to be interviewed. She was not aware of the status of the hiring.

Mr. Fulton introduced the next agenda item and recused himself from further consideration of the item as his daughter Bethany Fulton came before the commission to request Jr. Conservation Officer training support. Mr. Bolton invited Ms. Fulton to the podium and she introduced herself and proceeded to discuss her interest in CO training this summer at Barry Conservation 4-H Camp in Berlin. The training is run by NH Fish & Game. She mentioned past attendance (2016 and 2017), previous support (\$200 in 2017-an additional \$200 granted for another applicant was never claimed),

expenses (\$315), other potential scholarship (possibility of \$50 from NH Cooperative Extension/4H), community involvement (Civil Air Patrol/4H/Fire Explorers/Ruff Readers), career interests (CO and paramedic/firefighter - first responder type work), challenges of the training, and motivation. Ms. Fulton described in great detail the poaching scenario around which training unfolded during the 2017 session. Mr. Bolton and Ms. Burdick asked questions and spoke in favor of supporting the conservation interests and ethos of Weare's young folk and in the worthiness of the training Ms. Fulton had embarked upon. Mr. Bolton **motioned** and Ms. Burdick seconded the motion to grant Ms. Fulton \$265 of scholarship support for her 2018 Jr. CO training camp, with the Unrestricted Grant Account (Ciampi Fund) as the funding source. Mr. Bolton called a vote and he and Ms. Burdick voted in favor, the **motion passed**.

Mr. Fulton returned to the table and extolled the virtues and legacy of John Ciampi's volunteer work with the commission, which brought cash resources (\$200 checks at intervals) to the town from PSNH, his employer. (As of the end of May 2018 the account balance was \$453.31.)

Continuing down the agenda, Mr. Fulton presented two quotes from DH Hardwick for completion of the forestry harvest job at Ferrin Pond:

- \$3,820 to build an 18 foot wide gate with lock out of 6" inch pipe and install using existing posts, and
- \$800 to reshape and smooth road from gate up to pond.

Mr. Fulton noted that these expenses were for work beyond the typical scope of services for a forest maintenance harvest. Ms. Burdick mentioned that the road would need water bars to hold up to the rains and Mr. Bolton inquired about the gate description. Mr. Fulton reminded the commission that trout stocking at the pond by NH Fish and Game has been suspended as they were no longer able to get the fish to the pond. Access was blocked with boulders and a soil berm years ago and the road surface has degraded over time. Mr. Bolton **motioned** and Ms. Burdick seconded the motion to authorize Mr. Fulton to sign the quotes with funding to be from the Town Forest Account, per the 2018 Town Forest maintenance allowance approved by Town Meeting warrant article. Mr. Bolton mentioned that he is glad to support this sort of maintenance work during or immediately after the completion of a harvest. Mr. Fulton called the vote, all voted in favor. The **motion passed**.

From other email traffic items, Mr. Fulton brought up the Eastman abutter ROW utility request. Ms. Burdick indicated that this was for a previously vacant property, not the existing residence. The interested and affected parties have been apprised of the situation and the commission's role appears have been addressed.

Members discussed the ongoing site work that is creating Cortland Ave at the recently restarted "orchard" cluster subdivision. Mr. Fulton confirmed for Ms. Burdick that there is conservation open space surrounding the housing envelope. Mr. Bolton observed that loam is being stripped from the site and stockpiled. It is not clear whether it is being shipped off site. Mr. Fulton recalled that the loam was contaminated with arsenic and DDT from years of pesticides use at the orchard. Ms. Burdick shared the concern of the commission that future residents, particularly children, not be exposed to the arsenic, in soil or water. Mr. Fulton stated that a soil management plan would typically be required by NH DES, but for the fact that it was at an orchard. With the change of use to residential the concern with exposure is very real. Mr. Fulton stated that his recollection of the subdivision approval process ultimately was to include notes on the approved plans identifying use restrictions due to the arsenic. The soil should not be shipped off to a clean site. Mr. Fulton said he

would contact Chip Meany to inquire about how the arsenic contaminated soil is being handled and whether drinking water testing for arsenic during the subdivision buildout will be required.

Mr. Fulton noted that he will be paying a Sinuosity trails planning invoice for \$5,280. This is a partial payment for quoted services.

Mr. Fulton mentioned that Jeff Jackson had submitted his resignation from the commission due to growing commitments in other directions. His sensibility and contributions will be missed.

Moving beyond the agenda items, Ms. Burdick noted the invoice from MTL for trapper services to eliminate the beavers from a Felch Farm pond and asked why this was necessary. Mr. Fulton expressed his regret in the action and his sadness in having to pay the invoice. However, due to the location of this impoundment across a major woods road in the town forest, there was no good option other than lethal removal prior to harvest of the forestry unit. Mr. Fulton mentioned that Jeremy Turner will be available to address further questions, if there are any, on this subject next month, as he will join us for a quarterly town forester report.

Ms. Burdick spoke to concerns about solid waste management at Granite State Recycling, a 33 B&B Lane business. She attended the June 6<sup>th</sup> hearing at the middle school and is quite concerned that the solid waste facility application is not in keeping with the original local site planning for the business due to a very substantial increase in capacity. Mr. Fulton said he would touch base with folks in the solid waste program at DES to learn about how to effectively insert local concerns into the state permitting process.

Mr. Bolton **motioned** and Ms. Burdick seconded, all voted in favor, and meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Fulton (WCC Chair)