

HOLLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

May 6, 2009

Rough Draft

Present: Tom Dufresne, Susan Durham, Richard Brown, Thom Davies, Cathy Hoffman, Lynne Simonfy, Gary Flaherty, Connie Cain – Staff

Also Present: James & Janice Niemi, 99 Wright Road

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

99 WRIGHT ROAD – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

James & Janice Niemi met with the HCC to discuss proposed construction at the property they recently purchased at 99 Wright Road. This is a Single Family Residence, built in 1999, with Garage and In-ground Swimming Pool. There will not be additional encroachment to the wetlands or buffers. Since there is a pond and brook that runs from the easterly boundary at the street to the westerly boundary, approximately 600 feet in length, the Building Department recommended that the HCC's input be sought prior to construction start. It was noted that the plan submitted was created by G. Flaherty.

Mr. Niemi stated they wished to add a Farmer's Porch to the front of the house, an addition to the Garage, and they would also like to raise the driveway along the entire length, due to pooling and freezing issues, approximately 2 feet. He stated that during the winter, any melt water freezes on the driveway; during the spring, the entire driveway turns to mud, and the driveway where it meets the street fills up with water. He would prefer to pave the driveway, but is proposing gravel at the moment, dependent on the opinion of the HCC. He will also be replacing or placing new silt fencing along the brook and pond for erosion control; and will loam and seed the areas surrounding the driveway after work is completed.

Where the driveway meets the street, the proposal is to utilize the natural swale that exists along the street for runoff. C. Hoffman asked if the swale is large enough to handle the runoff. G. Flaherty felt it would be, Mr. Niemi is proposing to clean it out and place riprap in the swale. C. Cain noted that Reggie Ouellette had inspected the site for the Building Department; his notes were attached to the plan. G. Flaherty suggested that the Niemi's also look into using porous concrete if they plan on paving the driveway; he felt this would further help with pooling issues. R. Brown would prefer that the driveway remain dirt, but understands the issues the Niemi's are experiencing and his preference would be for gravel rather than paved.

T. Dufresne did not see any issues with the proposed scope of work, provided that the silt fencing was in place prior to commencement of construction. He asked members if they had any further questions or comments. As there were none, the Building Department will be informed of the discussion. (James & Janice Niemi left at 7:20 pm.)

46 ALSUN DR – PROPOSED TRAIL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

C. Cain has received a copy of the Notice of Minimum Wetland Impact from the property owner, Joseph Gulla. Mr. Gulla is proposing to create a walking/hiking trail over a portion of his property. The HCC was informed of this proposal at the last meeting, due to the property's proximity to existing wetlands/vernal pools. T. Dufresne has been trying to arrange an inspection with Mr. Gulla, but has not been able to do so to date. There is some confusion as to what activities the trail will be used for, T. Dufresne will try to straighten out at the inspection.

BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board of Selectmen – Cathy Hoffman

C. Hoffman informed members that the Flint Pond Improvement Association (FPIA) is scheduled to meet with the BOS during their public meeting on Monday, May 11th. Troy Brown, Town Administrator, was informed that any hydro-raked material can be left on the site instead of being moved to a facility. T. Dufresne asked if Jeff Babel, DPW Director, had been consulted regarding storing material at the Stump Dump – unknown. There had been previous discussion about creating an impermeable storage site/container at the Stump Dump, but unsure if there was enough room to place there. Some members did not feel that leaving the hydro-raked material at the site made sense. Discussion continued regarding waste material and storage on site. C. Hoffman felt that HCC members should be present at the BOS meeting, since the FPIA did not inform the HCC as to any project updates.

Planning Board – Cathy Hoffman

C. Hoffman stated not much ongoing at present. NH Department of Environmental Services met with the Planning Board during their public meeting on May 5th, regarding Lone Pine Hunters Club and remediation plan for the property. This was an informational meeting only, and public comments were not heard. C. Hoffman believes that the public hearing will probably be held in June. Lone Pine is only proposing to use the pistol and rifle ranges at this time.

T. Dufresne has been contacted regarding the Master Plan update. The HCC is responsible for the Natural Resources section. Flint Pond had been previously mentioned regarding effluent and septic issues; T. Dufresne would like to update regarding the arsenic issues, as these were discovered after the last Master Plan update. C. Hoffman felt that the Flint Pond Study Committee's report should be referenced. T. Dufresne stated that all the testing that has occurred since that time should also be included, such as the Army Corps of Engineers testing in the 1990's.

C. Hoffman thought that an abbreviated natural resource inventory should be included, with Stormwater Management information. T. Dufresne thought that the dam inventory also needed to be updated; Mill Pond dam no longer exists. T. Dufresne asked if a copy of the Natural Resource information from the last Master Plan update could be distributed to each HCC member for input; C. Hoffman will address.

Land Study Protection Committee – Thom Davies

No update at meeting time.

Treasurer's Report – Thom Davies

As of May 6, 2009, the HCC account balance is \$570,140.49. There were expenditures in the last month of \$242.47 for signs, and \$25.00 for Wetland Permit associated with the Timber Out on the Nashua River property. T. Davies noted that the report format from the Finance Office has changed, and does not give the same detail as in the past. He would prefer to old report; C. Cain will inform Paul Calabria, Finance Officer, as to T. Davies request.

L. Simonfy asked if the signs for the Siergiewicz Conservation lot had been delivered yet; not as of meeting time. She will contact the Girls Scouts for an update, as the signs should have been delivered.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY SUMMARY

T. Davies reported that only a few people attended. He was felt that this was due in part to several factors, such as the beginning of school vacation, etc. T. Davies felt that some protocol for the event should be drafted and planning and publicity should begin earlier.

T. Davies wanted to thank the Scouts and the Montessori Schools for their parts in participating. The organizations cleaned up roads on Wednesday, April 22nd, which was Earth Day, and all members agreed that they did a fantastic job on those roads. T. Dufresne will send a letter of thanks to those organizations.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

T. Dufresne motioned to enter into non-public session to discuss a potential land purchase, seconded by S Durham. All members voted yes, none opposed. Motion carried and the HCC moved into non-public session at 7:40 pm.

PUBLIC SESSION CONTINUED

S Durham motioned to remove from non-public session, seconded by T. Davies. All members voted yes, none opposed. Motion carried and the HCC moved back into public session at 8:20 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Hoffman notified members that she may ask for funding to purchase Conservation information pamphlets. The American Groundwater Trust has created new informational pamphlets for Ground and Storm Water, and she thought these might be good to hand out at the Old Home Days booth.

MINUTES

T. Dufresne motioned to accept the public and non-public minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting as written and to keep the non-public minutes sealed; seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed, L. Smonfy recused herself. Motion passed, and minutes were approved, with non-public minutes to remain sealed.

ADJOURNMENT

T. Dufresne motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Cain - Staff